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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
2 **TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007, BEGINS ON PAGE 197.]**

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL COME
7 TO ORDER. EVERYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE, PLEASE RISE FOR THE
8 INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION WILL
9 BE LED BY FATHER JUAN SILVA OF THE SAGRADO CORAZON CHURCH IN
10 POMONA AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY FERNANDA
11 MIRANDA OF THE 693RD QUARTERMASTER COMPANY FROM THE FIFTH
12 DISTRICT OF OUR COUNTY. FATHER SILVA?

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14 **FATHER JUAN SILVA:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS FOR INVITING ME, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. LET
16 US PRAY. GRACIOUS GOD, WE ASK YOU TO ASSIST AND DIRECT YOUR
17 SPIRIT OF COUNSEL AND WISDOM ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THAT
18 WHAT THEY DO TODAY MAY BE GOOD AND USEFUL FOR OUR CITY AND TO
19 THE PEOPLE FOR WHOM THEY SERVE. WE LIKewise COMMAND ALL THE
20 CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES THAT WE MAY BE BLESSED AND
21 HELPED EVERY DAY, SO WE PRAY FOR THIS DAY AND FOR GOD TO
22 CONTINUE TO BLESS US AND BE WITH US AND WE MAKE THIS OUR
23 PRAYER. AMEN.



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1 **FERNANDA MIRANDA:** PLEASE FOLLOW ME IN THE PLEDGE OF
2 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DO YOU WANT
5 TO...

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OH, OKAY. I'M SORRY.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK SHE'S NOT HERE YET.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
12 FERNANDA MIRANDA, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY
13 RESERVE, 693RD QUARTERMASTER COMPANY. SHE'S BEEN IN THE ARMY
14 RESERVE FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS AND WE WANT TO THANK HER FOR
15 COMING DOWN AND SERVING OUR COUNTRY AND LEADING US IN THE
16 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
19 LET ME PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO FATHER JUAN
20 SILVA, WHO HAS LED THE CONGREGATION AT SACRED HEART CHURCH IN
21 POMONA FOR SEVEN YEARS AFTER SERVING AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH IN
22 LOS ANGELES. THE COMMUNITY ORIENTED CHURCH IN POMONA HAS
23 BECOME A BEACON OF HOPE AND COMFORT FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
24 THROUGH ITS OUTREACH TO NEEDY FAMILIES. THEY OFTEN HOLD
25 COMMUNITY GATHERINGS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES AND RESIDENTS AND



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1 PARTICIPATE IN FOOD DRIVES AND OTHER WORTHWHILE EFFORTS
2 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. FATHER SILVA'S WARMTH AND DEVOTION TO
3 HELPING THOSE IN NEED IS WELL KNOWN AND WE THANK YOU, FATHER,
4 FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PROVIDE US WITH TODAY'S INVOCATION. [
5 APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S CALL THE AGENDA BEFORE WE
8 MAKE THE PRESENTATIONS. SACHI?

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SACHI?

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
15 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 7, PUBLIC
16 HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10. ON ITEM 3, AS INDICATED ON THE
17 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY
18 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
19 TWO WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 6TH, 2007.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
22 THE ORDER.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON ITEM 9, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
2 AGENDA, THIS ITEM IS RESCHEDULED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 30TH,
3 2007, TO MEET LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
6 THE ORDER.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINDER OF THE ITEMS WE WILL HOLD FOR
9 THE PUBLIC HEARING. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 11 THROUGH 18. ON ITEM 14, SUPERVISOR BURKE
11 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED 30 DAYS TO FEBRUARY 20TH,
12 2007.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S PROBABLY 28 DAYS. ALL
15 RIGHT.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 28 DAYS.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 28 DAYS, YEAH.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THIS ALSO INCLUDES SUPERVISOR
22 MOLINA'S...

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AMENDMENT.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ...SUBSTITUTE MOTION AS INDICATED ON THE
2 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
5 CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 20TH.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ALSO ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
8 VOTES "NO" ON THIS ITEM. THE REMAINDER ARE BEFORE YOU,
9 INCLUDING 15.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. BURKE WILL MOVE, I WILL
12 SECOND. ON ITEM 15 WITH MR. ANTONOVICH VOTING "NO". THAT'S THE
13 IHSS.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHICH ONE? 7?

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HOME CARE.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 15. RIGHT. BECAUSE THAT INVOLVES GENERAL
20 FUND.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT. OKAY. SO YOU'LL BE RECORDED
23 AS A "NO" VOTE.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THAT IS APPROVED. AND THEN THE
3 REMAINDER...

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINDER?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH IS 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17
8 AND 18.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NOT 14. 14 IS CONTINUED.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 14 IS CONTINUED, SORRY. WITH THE
13 EXCEPTION OF 14, THE REMAINDER, MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ON ITEM 19,
17 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
18 ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 30TH, 2007.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
21 THE ORDER.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 20 AND 21. ON ITEM
24 20, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS REQUESTING TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT WILL BE HELD.

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 21 IS BEFORE YOU.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.
6 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION, ITEMS 22 AND 23.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS.
11 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPARATE MATTER, ON ITEM 24, WE'LL HOLD
14 THIS FOR A REPORT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
19 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
20 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
21 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON
22 ITEM 25-A, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
23 HELD.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WANT TO HOLD IT ONLY TO MODIFY
2 MY MOTION TO CONTINUE IT FOR 30 DAYS, TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT
3 FOR 30 DAYS, NOT 150 DAYS. THAT'S ALL. AND SO I THINK WE CAN
4 GO AHEAD AND APPROVE IT. SO I'LL MOVE 30 DAYS AS AN AMENDMENT.
5 SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 25-B.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 25-B IS MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,
10 SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
14 DISTRICT NUMBER 3.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE A COUPLE OF PRESENTATIONS.
17 FIRST OF ALL, ASK THE NEW CONSUL-GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA TO JOIN
18 US. HAS HE ARRIVED YET? NOT YET. ALL RIGHT. THEN WE'LL HOLD
19 THAT UNTIL HE ARRIVES. I HAVE A-- ALL RIGHT. I'LL DO-- LET ME
20 DO THE PRETEEN VACCINATION WEEK SCROLL PRESENTATION. IF I CAN
21 CALL DR. JONATHAN FIELDING UP, OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
22 MICHELLE PARRA, DIRECTOR OF IMMUNIZATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
23 PUBLIC HEALTH, AND MARLENE LUGG, CO-CHAIR OF THE IMMUNIZATION
24 COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. DR. FIELDING IS HERE.
25 INFORMATION AND EDUCATION IS NEEDED TO RAISE AWARENESS IN THE



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1 IMPORTANCE OF PRETEEN VACCINES AND THE ROLE THEY PLAY IN
2 KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND HEALTHY. THESE INCLUDE
3 PERTUSSIS AND TETANUS, MENINGOCOCCAL-- OH, BOY, I'LL TELL YOU,
4 THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T GO TO MEDICAL SCHOOL. THAT'S NOT THE ONLY
5 REASON. [LAUGHTER] MENINGOCOCCAL, HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS.
6 THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'M EVER DOING ONE OF YOUR DEPARTMENT OF
7 PUBLIC HEALTH PROCLAMATIONS. THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS. [LAUGHTER]
8 PARENTS OF PRETEENS ARE URGED TO CHECK WITH THEIR HEALTHCARE
9 PROVIDER TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED ALL
10 RECOMMENDED VACCINES AS WELL AS ANY BOOSTERS OR CATCH UP
11 DOSES. THE EFFECTS OF MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE ARE DEVASTATING.
12 HOWEVER, VACCINATION CAN BE PROTECTED AGAINST-- CAN PROTECT
13 AGAINST FOUR OF THE FIVE MOST COMMON TYPES OF BACTERIA THAT
14 CAUSE THIS DISEASE. A RECORD OF 438 CASES OF PERTUSSIS, WHICH
15 IS WHOOPING COUGH, WERE REPORTED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN
16 2005. 438 CASES. THIS IS ANOTHER DISEASE WHICH CAN BE
17 PREVENTED BY APPROPRIATE VACCINATION. A NEW VACCINE IS NOW
18 AVAILABLE COMBINING PERTUSSIS WITH THE TETANUS BOOSTER. THE
19 HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS, HPV VACCINE, PROTECTS GIRLS AND WOMEN
20 AGAINST THE TWO TYPES OF HPV RESPONSIBLE FOR 70% OF CERVICAL
21 CANCER. FOR THIS REASON, THE BOARD WANTS TO RESOLVE TODAY THAT
22 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROCLAIM JANUARY 21ST THROUGH 27TH,
23 2007, AS PRETEEN VACCINE WEEK THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND URGES
24 ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY
25 ORGANIZATIONS AND CITY GOVERNMENTS TO JOIN IN EDUCATING AND



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1 INFORMING PARENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PRETEEN VACCINES. THIS
2 IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US USING OUR BULLY PULPIT HERE TO GET TO
3 AS MANY PEOPLE HERE WHO ARE WITHIN THE SOUND OF OUR VOICE TO
4 RAISE AN AWARENESS ON THIS. THESE ARE-- SOCIETY'S FAILURE TO
5 ADDRESS THESE VACCINATION ISSUES ARE A SELF-INFLICTED WOUND
6 THAT SOCIETY IMPOSES UPON ITSELF BECAUSE MOST OF THESE
7 DISEASES ARE PREVENTABLE THROUGH THIS KIND OF VACCINE OR
8 VACCINES. SO DR. FIELDING, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS TO OUR
9 ATTENTION AND THE COUNTY'S ATTENTION, THE PUBLIC AND I WANT TO
10 PRESENT YOU WITH THIS PROCLAMATION AND ASK YOU TO SAY A COUPLE
11 OF WORDS. [APPLAUSE]

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13 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR, BOARD.
14 WE TEND TO THINK OF VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES AS THINGS YOU
15 ARE PROTECTED FROM FROM WHAT YOU GET AS A KID, ALL THE
16 VACCINES THAT WE GIVE, ALL THE SHOTS AND THINGS BUT WHAT THIS
17 DOES IS EMPHASIZE THAT THERE ARE OTHER CRITICAL PERIODS FOR
18 PREVENTING VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES WHICH, BECAUSE THEY
19 ARE PREVENTABLE, ARE TRAGEDIES WHEN THEY OCCUR. AND, AS
20 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SAID, WE HAD MORE CASES OF WHOOPING
21 COUGH LAST YEAR THAN WE'VE EVER HAD AND MANY OF THOSE, MOST OF
22 THOSE WERE OLDER PEOPLE, WHETHER THEY'RE ADOLESCENTS OR ADULTS
23 OR OLDER ADULTS, WHO CAME IN CONTACT WITH YOUNG KIDS BEFORE
24 THEY WERE FULLY IMMUNIZED AND THEY DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THEY
25 ACTUALLY HAD WHOOPING COUGH. SO THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CRITICAL



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1 DISEASES WHICH WE CAN PREVENT. ONE IS PERTUSSIS, KNOWN AS
2 WHOOPING COUGH. THE BEST TIME TO GET VACCINATED AGAINST THAT,
3 TO GET A BOOSTER IS IN THE PRETEEN VISIT. ANOTHER IS
4 MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE. WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF CASES, PRIMARILY
5 AMONG ADOLESCENTS, BUT THIS ALSO CAN BE PREVENTED IN LARGE
6 PART. HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS, THE VACCINE-- THE NEW VACCINE CAN
7 PROTECT AGAINST 70% OF ALL CASES OF CERVICAL CANCER. THIS IS A
8 GREAT OPPORTUNITY AND THE TIME TO GIVE THAT VACCINE IS IN THE
9 PRETEEN YEARS, HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED. VARICELLA, WHICH, OF
10 COURSE, IS CHICKEN POX. AGAIN, A SERIOUS PROBLEM IF YOU GET IT
11 AS AN ADULT. CAN BE PROTECTED. YOU WANT TO GET A VACCINE NOT
12 JUST WHEN YOU'RE A KID BUT IN THE PRETEEN VISIT. AND FINALLY
13 HEPATITIS B, AGAIN, TOTALLY PREVENTABLE. SO THIS IS AN
14 OPPORTUNITY. WE WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR PUSHING US
15 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO EDUCATE THE
16 PUBLIC, THAT YOU DON'T FINISH YOUR VACCINES WHEN YOU'RE A KID,
17 YOU HAVE TO KEEP DOING IT AND THE PRETEEN VISIT'S A CRITICAL
18 TIME AND, BY THE WAY, AS ADULTS, WE STILL HAVE MORE
19 OPPORTUNITIES TO GET VACCINES AND WE SHOULD DO THAT AS WELL.
20 THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **MICHELLE PARRA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND TO THE
23 OTHER SUPERVISORS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL ON BEHALF OF
24 THE LOS ANGELES IMMUNIZATION COALITION. YOU KNOW, THIS IS A
25 GROUP OF 85 ORGANIZATIONS RANGING FROM INDIVIDUAL DOCTORS'



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1 OFFICES TO HEALTH PLANS, COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE
2 ALL WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE IMMUNIZATION RATES AND
3 THEREFORE IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF OUR LOS ANGELES PEOPLE. YOU
4 KNOW, TEENAGERS AND PRETEENS ARE, FOR THE MOST PART,
5 THANKFULLY, PRETTY HEALTHY. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, THEY DON'T
6 LIKE TO GO SEE THEIR PHYSICIAN OR THEIR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER.
7 SO WHAT HAPPENS? THEY SHOW UP IN THE E.R. THEY SHOW UP IN THE
8 EMERGENCY ROOM WHEN THEY'RE REALLY SICK OR THEY HAVE AN
9 INJURY. SO WHAT WE ARE HOPING IS THAT, WITH PRETEEN VACCINE
10 WEEK, WE CAN DRAW ATTENTION TO THESE FOLKS AND THEIR PARENTS
11 THAT THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW. GET YOUR PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE
12 IN BECAUSE, AS DOCTOR JUST SAID, IMAGINE THOSE OF US WHO ARE
13 OLDER, WE NEVER ENVISAGED THAT, AT THE AGE OF 10 OR 11, ONE
14 COULD GET A SERIES OF THREE SHOTS WHICH COULD LATER, YEARS AND
15 YEARS LATER, PREVENT CERVICAL CANCER. THIS IS A REAL
16 BREAKTHROUGH AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING US GET
17 THE WORD OUT TO OUR POPULATION. THANKS AGAIN. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CONSUL-GENERAL HAS ARRIVED, SO LET
20 ME INVITE THE NEW CONSUL-GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA, ALEXANDER
21 WILLOX. THANKS FOR BEING HERE. IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I
22 INTRODUCE TO YOU THE NEW CONSUL-GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA, THE
23 HONORABLE INNES ALEXANDER WILLOX. CONSUL-GENERAL WILLOX SERVED
24 AS CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FROM 2004
25 TO 2006. IN HIS POSITION, MR. WILLOX WAS THE PRINCIPAL ADVISOR



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1 TO MINISTER ON ALL POLICY AND POLITICAL MATTERS AND HAD DIRECT
2 POLICY RESPONSIBILITY FOR AUSTRALIA'S RELATIONS WITH THE
3 UNITED STATES. HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICY COORDINATION WITH
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE AND OTHER
5 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES. HE'S ALSO A MEMBER OF THE
6 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL. CONSUL-GENERAL
7 WILLOX HAS HELD A NUMBER OF OTHER GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE
8 SECTOR POSITIONS INCLUDING SENIOR MANAGER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
9 FOR SINGAPORE AIRLINES, SENIOR ADVISOR AND MEDIA ADVISOR TO
10 THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HE WAS ALSO FEDERAL
11 POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, CHIEF OF STAFF, SECTIONS EDITOR AND
12 DEPUTY NEWS EDITOR FOR THE AGE, ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S MAJOR DAILY
13 NEWSPAPERS. THE CONSUL-GENERAL HOLDS A B.A. IN HISTORY AND
14 POLITICS FROM MONASH UNIVERSITY AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATES IN
15 ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR AND ECONOMICS FROM THE EDINBURGH
16 BUSINESS SCHOOL, ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR. WE MAY CALL ON YOU
17 FOR SOME ADVICE. HE IS MARRIED, HE HAS THREE CHILDREN. CONSUL-
18 GENERAL, I WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ON
19 BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES, WE HAVE PREPARED THIS-- IT'S A PRETTY
20 BIG PLAQUE. YOU WON'T GET IT THROUGH THE AIRPORT SECURITY,
21 I'LL TELL YOU THAT! BUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LOS ANGELES
22 AND AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN VERY SPECIAL AND WE'VE HAD A LONG LIST
23 OF VERY DISTINGUISHED CONSUL-GENERALS WHO HAVE COME HERE AND
24 MADE A HUGE IMPACT ON BEHALF OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND MANY OF US
25 HAVE BEEN TO AUSTRALIA AND IT'S A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY WITH EVEN



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1 MORE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE, SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT
2 RELATIONSHIP DURING YOUR TERM HERE IN LOS ANGELES.
3 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YVONNE. MIKE. SORRY. I WANT TO
6 GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A FEW WORDS WITH YOUR
7 DISTINGUISHED ACCENT, SO CONSUL-GENERAL WILLOX.

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9 **THE HONORABLE INNES ALEXANDER WILLOX:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN.
10 THANK YOU, EVERYONE AND FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS. IT'S A GREAT
11 PLEASURE AND AN HONOR TO BE HERE TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA IN A
12 GREAT CITY LIKE LOS ANGELES. YOU'LL FIND NO GREATER FRIEND FOR
13 LOS ANGELES THAN AUSTRALIA. THE UNITED STATES IS ONE OF OUR
14 BIGGEST MARKETS FOR TRADE. 80% OF OUR TRADE TO THE UNITED
15 STATES COMES THROUGH LOS ANGELES AND WE CALCULATE THERE ARE
16 40,000 AUSTRALIANS LIVING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MOST OF THEM
17 IN LOS ANGELES, AND A LOT OF THESE PEOPLE WORK IN SMALL
18 BUSINESSES AND THEY WORK FOR THEMSELVES. THEY ALSO WORK IN
19 LARGE CORPORATIONS AND THEY CONTRIBUTE MIGHTILY TO THE LOCAL
20 ECONOMY. AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES, THE RELATIONSHIP
21 GOES BACK MANY YEARS. IN FACT, UNITED STATES TROOPS, WHEN THEY
22 FIRST FOUGHT IN WORLD WAR I, FOUGHT UNDER AN AUSTRALIAN
23 COMMANDER AND AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE WORKED
24 AROUND THE GLOBE TOGETHER FOR MANY YEARS NOW WORKING FOR PEACE
25 AND TOLERANCE AND DEMOCRACY AND I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND NO



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1 GREATER FRIEND THAN AUSTRALIA IN THIS PART OF THE UNITED
2 STATES. WE JUST HAD OUR MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN LOS
3 ANGELES FOR THE PAST WEEK DURING-- UNDERTAKING ALL SORTS OF
4 ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE TRADE AND INVESTMENT AND DEFENSE LINKS
5 BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A
6 RELATIONSHIP THAT IS ALREADY STRONG BUT CAN ONLY GET STRONGER
7 IN THE YEARS AHEAD. IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE AND I
8 DEDICATE MYSELF TO BUILDING THIS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
9 AUSTRALIA, LOS ANGELES, AND THE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED
10 STATES. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. [APPLAUSE]

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. OKAY. I HAVE ONE OTHER ONE
13 BUT I'M GOING TO WAIT UNTIL THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY GETS HERE,
14 SO I'M GOING TO PROCEED TO SUPERVISOR KNABE. YOU'RE NEXT UP
15 FOR PRESENTATIONS.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
18 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME THIS LARGE
19 GROUP UP HERE. THIS IS THE EL SEGUNDO EAGLES. [APPLAUSE] [
20 CHEERS]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S THE TRAVELING SUPPORT THAT THEY'VE HAD
23 THROUGHOUT A VERY INCREDIBLE SEASON. THESE 21 PLAYERS ARE FROM
24 MIDDLE SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT EL SEGUNDO AND ITS NEIGHBORING
25 CITIES, WITH MOST OF THESE KIDS PLAYED ON A TEAM THE PREVIOUS



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1 YEAR THAT DIDN'T WIN A GAME, BUT THIS YEAR THEY ROARED THROUGH
2 ITS SEASON, THEY SWEEPED BOTH THEIR CONFERENCE AND REGIONAL
3 TOURNAMENTS AND THEN WENT ON TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
4 IN FLORIDA, WHERE THEY PLAYED THREE FOOTBALL GAMES IN FIVE
5 DAYS DOWN THERE TO WIN IT ALL. THEY ESTABLISHED AN EARLY
6 LEAD... [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** THEY ESTABLISHED AN EARLY LEAD AGAINST THE
9 MERIDIAN RAIDERS FROM CONNECTICUT BUT THEN THE GAME WAS TIED
10 20-20 AT THE END OF REGULATION. THE SCORE REMAINED TIED GOING
11 INTO THE SECOND OVERTIME. THEN THE COACH CALLED FOR A PASS.
12 HIS QUARTERBACK HAD A BETTER VISION AND CALLED THE PASS OFF
13 AND CALLED A RUN AND HANDED THE BALL OFF TO THE TAILBACK, WHO
14 CRUSHED IN FOR A T.D. AND THEY BECAME THE NATIONAL MIDGET
15 CHAMPIONS. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** SO, COACH, IT'S MY PLEASURE ON BEHALF OF MYSELF
18 AND MY COLLEAGUES TO PRESENT YOU THIS SCROLL. WE HAD THEM
19 UPSTAIRS EARLIER AND WHAT A GREAT SEASON BUT I THINK THE
20 COMBINATION OF THE TEAM'S EFFORTS, THE COACH'S EFFORTS AND THE
21 SUPPORT THAT'S GENERATED THEIR PARENTS AND FAMILY IS AN
22 INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE THAT THEY'LL NEVER FORGET, SO WE WANT TO
23 SAY CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS ON
24 A GREAT CHAMPIONSHIP. [APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **COACH:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
2 AND ALL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR KNABE.
3 OUR THEME WAS LOVE AND WHAT WE FOUND OUT WAS LOVE CONQUERS
4 ALL. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **COACH:** YOU CAN SEE OUR TEAM, ALL RACES, COLORS, RELIGION AND
7 WE TRULY LOVE EACH OTHER. OUR PARENTS LOVE US, THE COACHES
8 LOVE THE BOYS, THE BOYS LOVED EACH OTHER AND THAT WAS OUR
9 SUCCESS, THAT WAS OUR THEME FOR SUCCESS AND THAT'S WHAT WE
10 FOUND OUT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BIG QUESTION IS DID THE
13 QUARTERBACK GET CHEWED OUT FOR NOT FOLLOWING THE COACH'S
14 INSTRUCTIONS, THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW. [LAUGHTER]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** NOT WHEN HE WAS HOLDING THE TROPHY! [LAUGHTER]

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE RECIPIENT WHO IS RETIRING TO BECOME A
21 MOTHER WHO IS A FRIEND OF OURS, LEELA, IS NOT HERE YET, SHE'S
22 COMING IN FROM THE VALLEY, SO LET ME HOLD OFF ON LISA AT THIS
23 TIME AND LET'S BRING OUT A LITTLE SANDY, WHO IS A POODLE MIX.
24 SANDY IS A-- THERE'S A BIG MIX IN THIS POODLE BECAUSE SHE'S
25 SIX MONTHS OLD AND SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO ANYBODY IN THE



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1 AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT SANDY, YOU CAN CALL THE
2 TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN. HERE YOU GO,
3 SANDY. OKAY. OKAY. DAVID JANSSEN CAN TAKE HER TO LAKE TAHOE.
4 HUH? LAKE TAHOE? SHE'S GOT THE RED SWEATER? HUH? WHERE IS
5 JEANNIE? YOU CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF
6 YOUR SCREEN, (562) 728-4644. OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO
7 WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE SANDY. SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME.
8 THAT'S A BIG POODLE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. IS THE DISTRICT
11 ATTORNEY HERE YET? NOT YET. ALL RIGHT. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER
12 PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY AND
13 SUPERVISOR MOLINA? OKAY. THEN WE CAN BEGIN OUR AGENDA AND THEN
14 WE WILL INTERRUPT WHEN THE OTHER-- TWO OTHER RECIPIENTS
15 ARRIVE. AND LET'S PROCEED COUNTY AGENDA. SACHI?

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. WE'LL START WITH THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.
18 ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY IN THE
19 PUBLIC HEARING, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE
20 SWORN IN. [ADMINISTERING OATH]

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. WE'LL START
23 WITH AGENDA ITEM NUMBER ONE. THIS IS THE HEARING ON ANNEXATION
24 OF TERRITORY, PETITION NUMBER 83-705 LA PRESA AVENUE TO COUNTY
25 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING



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1 DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE, SAN GABRIEL AREA AND THE
2 LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ANNEXED TERRITORY FOR
3 STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008.

4

5 **RANDINE RUIZ:** MY NAME IS RANDINE RUIZ AND I AM A SENIOR CIVIL
6 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M FAMILIAR WITH
7 THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO LIGHTING
8 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1
9 UNINCORPORATED ZONE, WITH RESPECT TO PETITION NUMBER 83-705 LA
10 PRESA AVENUE IN THE SAN GABRIEL AREA. IN MY OPINION, THE
11 PETITION AREA WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE
12 SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN
13 SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. WE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT
14 YOUR BOARD APPROVE THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES BY
15 NONEXEMPT TAXING AGENCIES.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE
18 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF
19 BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR
20 TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THERE ANYBODY WHO WANTS
23 TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, I MOVE THAT THE HEARING BE
24 CLOSED AND THAT THE ITEM BE TABLED UNTIL YOU CAN COUNT THE
25 VOTES. SECONDED BY MR. KNABE.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2, THIS IS
3 THE HEARING ON EXPANSION OF DRAINAGE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA
4 NUMBER 24 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF PLUM CANYON AND THE
5 LEVYING OF REVISED ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ANNEXED
6 PARCEL FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

7

8 **EDWARD DINGMAN:** MY NAME IS EDWARD DINGMAN AND I'M A SENIOR
9 CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM
10 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF ONE
11 PUBLICLY OWNED PARCEL AND LEVY OF REVISED ASSESSMENTS WITHIN
12 DRAINAGE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT AREA NUMBER 24 TO PROVIDE
13 SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A
14 DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN THE PLUM CANYON AREA OF THE FIFTH
15 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. IN MY OPINION, THE PARCEL TO BE
16 ANNEXED, AS WELL AS EXISTING PARCELS, WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE
17 SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED REVISED ASSESSMENTS
18 HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. IN THE EVENT THAT
19 THERE ARE NO MAJORITY PROTESTS, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR
20 BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION TO ANNEX AND TO LEVY THE
21 PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT
24 THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF



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1 BALLOTS AND SCHEDULE JANUARY 30TH, 2007, FOR TABULATION
2 RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO BE
5 HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CLOSED-
6 - OR I MOVE THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE CLOSED AND THAT THE
7 ITEM BE TABLED UNTIL VOTES ARE TABULATED. SECONDED BY MR.
8 KNABE.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4...

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME STOP FOR A SECOND. MR.
13 COOLEY HAS ARRIVED AND I'D LIKE TO MAKE THAT PRESENTATION AT
14 THIS TIME. COME ON UP. OKAY. IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE
15 JANUARY 2007 LOS ANGELES COUNTY STARS FOR THE CATEGORY OF
16 SERVICE EXCELLENCE. I WANT TO PRESENT-- I WANT TO ASK TO COME
17 UP RENE ROTHROCK. MISS ROTHROCK IS A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE
18 SUPERVISOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S MATERNAL,
19 CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PROGRAMS. IN 2006, RENE WAS SELECTED AS
20 PUBLIC HEALTH'S EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR. ALTHOUGH HER
21 ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE MANY, HER GREATEST ATTRIBUTE IS HER CARING
22 ATTITUDE TOWARDS HER COWORKERS AND ESPECIALLY HER CLIENTS.
23 SHE'S TOTALLY COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT HER CLIENTS RECEIVE
24 QUALITY CARE IN A CARING MANNER. HER COWORKERS AND SUPERVISOR
25 DESCRIBE RENEE AS A LEADER WHO LEADS BY EXAMPLE, HAS A GREAT



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1 SENSE OF HUMOR AND IS A PLEASURE TO BE AROUND. THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HER COWORKERS AND THE RESIDENTS OF LOS
3 ANGELES HAVE BENEFITED GREATLY BY THE SERVICE OF RENE.
4 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OUR NEXT STARS CATEGORY IS
7 ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS. THE RECIPIENTS ARE HONORED FOR
8 ENSURING THAT SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEMS TO THE COUNTY OF LOS
9 ANGELES ARE EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE AND GOAL ORIENTED AND WHOSE
10 PERFORMANCE IS REFLECTIVE OF THE COUNTY'S MISSION STATEMENT
11 AND SHARED VALUES. THE PROJECT NAME FOR THIS PRESENTATION IS
12 JUVENILE OFFENDER INTERVENTION NETWORK, OR J.O.I.N., A TEAM
13 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE J.O.I.N. TEAM.
14 THE J.O.I.N. TEAM IS COMPRISED OF JAMES MILLER, ROBERT BARKER,
15 JOSEPH CHESTER, EDWARD DESARIO, SHEILA HOLLY, WILLIAM KING AND
16 ROBERT NAP, WHO IS CURRENTLY THE ONLY PROGRAM IN LOS ANGELES
17 THAT PROVIDES SWIFT INTERVENTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO
18 JUVENILE OFFENDERS. JOIN TARGETS JUVENILES AGES TO 17 WHO HAVE
19 COMMITTED A FILEABLE NONVIOLENT FIRST-TIME OFFENSE. THE JOIN
20 HEARING OFFICERS INTERVENE BEFORE JUVENILE COURT FILING TO
21 PREVENT FORMAL PROSECUTION BY TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
22 CREATING A CONTRACT WITH JUVENILES CONTAINING REHABILITATIVE
23 CONDITIONS AND MONITORING THE JUVENILES, ENSURING THAT THEY
24 ARE FOLLOWING THE CONTRACT. THE CONTRACT INCLUDES CONDITIONS
25 SUCH AS TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS, MAKING



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1 RESOLUTION TO THEIR-- RESTITUTION TO THEIR VICTIMS, PERFORMING
2 COMMUNITY SERVICE, ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY AND
3 PARTICIPATING IN COUNSELING. THIS CONTRACT IS OFFERED TO THE
4 JUVENILES AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO COURT. HOWEVER, IF THE MINOR
5 FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE JOIN CONTRACT, HE OR SHE IS MADE
6 ACCOUNTABLE BY RESUMING PROSECUTION. THE J.O.I.N. PROGRAM IS A
7 GREAT HELP TO THE FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS AS IT PREVENTS THEM
8 FROM GOING THROUGH THE PROSECUTION PROCESS IF THEY PLAY BY THE
9 RULES. IN ADDITION, IT ALSO GIVES THEM A CHANCE FOR
10 REHABILITATION AND TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE. AS A RESULT, THE
11 ENTIRE COMMUNITY BENEFITS AS THESE YOUTHS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE
12 FOR THEIR ACTIONS AND PREVENT THEM FROM COMMITTING ANOTHER
13 OFFENSE. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT
14 TEAM AND, STEVE COOLEY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A COUPLE OF
15 WORDS?

16

17 **STEVE COOLEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WE ARE VERY, VERY PROUD
18 OF THIS PROGRAM. IT'S BEEN RECOGNIZED WIDELY. IT WON THE
19 HIGHEST AWARD FROM THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION
20 LAST YEAR. IT WON A VERY PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FROM AMERICAN BAR
21 ASSOCIATION FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY PROSECUTION PROGRAMS AND
22 TODAY WE'RE BEING HONORED AGAIN FOR THE GOOD WORK THESE PEOPLE
23 DO. NOT ONLY DOES THIS PROGRAM SAVE THE SYSTEM MILLIONS UPON
24 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT WOULD BE SPENT BY PURSUING THE COURT
25 SYSTEM BUT IT'S REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL IN TERMS OF THESE YOUNG



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1 PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST ON THE CUSP OF DELINQUENCY AND MORE
2 SERIOUS PROBLEMS. THEY ARE BEING TAKEN OUT, GIVEN THE
3 STRUCTURE AND WE FEEL THAT THE REAL BENEFICIARIES ARE THESE
4 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE BENEFITED BY THE PROGRAM. THANK YOU VERY
5 MUCH, SUPERVISOR. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, STEVE, AND
8 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. GIVE THEM A HAND. THANK YOU. [
9 APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LISA IS HERE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND MR. ANTONOVICH?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS TIME, IT'S WITH A BIT OF SADNESS THAT
16 LISA HOWARD IS RETIRING AS A FAIR, BALANCED REPORTER, NOT FROM
17 THE "L.A. TIMES," I COULDN'T SAY THAT, BUT A STAR REPORTER FOR
18 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PRESS WHO IS LEAVING THE NEWSPAPER TO
19 BECOME A MOTHER. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN ADDITION TO BEING A GREAT REPORTER HERE,
22 REPORTING THE FACTS, SHE HAS A STRONG REPUTATION FOR HER
23 DEDICATION TO JOURNALISTIC EXCELLENCE, HER ENTHUSIASM FOR THE
24 SUBJECT SHE HAS COVERED AND THE PROFESSIONAL MANNER SHE HAS
25 BEEN A JOY TO WORK WITH OVER THE YEARS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENDS HER FOR HER INTEGRITY AND HER
2 SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. THIS MORNING, SHE'S HERE WITH HER
3 FATHER. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY,
4 GRADUATE OF PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, BEGAN HER CAREER WORKING
5 WITH COMMUNITY PAPERS AND, IN JULY OF 2000, SHE JOINED THE
6 ANTELOPE VALLEY PRESS TO COVER THE COUNTY BEAT AND IT'S
7 INTERESTING BECAUSE THE EDITORS AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PRESS
8 ALLOW REPORTERS TO WRITE THEIR STORIES WITHOUT ALL OF THE
9 ABRIDGING THAT GOES ON. SO, LISA, CONGRATULATIONS, WE WISH YOU
10 WELL. IT'S BEEN A HONOR TO WORK WITH YOU AND WE WISH YOU
11 CONTINUED SUCCESS. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE, I JUST WANT TO ADD, EVEN
14 THOUGH I DON'T-- SHE DOESN'T COVER MUCH OF WHAT WE DO BECAUSE
15 WE'RE NOT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, SHE DOES COVER COUNTY
16 GOVERNMENT AND I THOUGHT YOU DID A GREAT JOB IN FAIRLY AND
17 REASONABLY AGGRESSIVELY COVERING COUNTY GOVERNMENT, ACCURATELY
18 COVERING IT. YOU CAN GET A LOT OF NEWS OUT OF THE ANTELOPE
19 VALLEY PRESS ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT,
20 MUCH MORE THAN YOU OFTEN DO IN SOME OF THE BIGGER PAPERS AND
21 IT'S A TRIBUTE TO YOUR WORK ETHIC. I HOPE YOU COME BACK AFTER
22 YOU RAISE YOUR KID AND GET BACK INTO JOURNALISM, BECAUSE THEY
23 NEED YOU. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **LISA HOWARD:** WELL, AS A REPORTER, I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE UP
2 HERE, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE BACK ON THE OTHER SIDE, SO THANK YOU
3 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **LISA HOWARD:** I CAN SAY I'VE ENJOYED COVERING THE COUNTY, I'VE
6 ENJOYED COMING DOWN HERE AND WORKING WITH ALL YOU GUYS. I WILL
7 MISS IT. I WILL DEFINITELY MISS IT. I JUST HOPE I LIKE THIS
8 NEXT PHASE OF LIFE AS MUCH AS I'VE ENJOYED THIS PHASE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, DIFFERENT TYPE OF DIAPERS. SAME
11 OUTCOME. [LAUGHTER]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. STAY IN TOUCH.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN WE EDIT THAT OUT OF THE
16 VIDEOTAPE? [LAUGHTER]

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A GOOD ONE, MIKE. [
19 LAUGHTER]

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S BETTER THEN "I CAUGHT YOUR
22 EYE." [LAUGHTER]

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK
2 TO THE AGENDA. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PATIENCE.
3 SACHI?

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER FOUR. THIS IS THE
6 HEARING ON PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY IMPROVED AS A SURFACE
7 PARKING LOT LOCATED AT 1945 PALMER COURT LONG BEACH, FROM SMLC
8 LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF 722,000 AND ANY OTHER RELATED
9 TRANSACTIONAL COSTS WHICH ARE NOT TO EXCEED 6,000 IN THE
10 AGGREGATE TO SUPPLEMENT PARKING FOR STAFF AND VISITORS OF THE
11 ADJACENT LONG BEACH MENTAL HEALTH CENTER.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE
14 AUDIENCE WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, THE
15 PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED AND THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MR. KNABE
16 MOVES, MS. BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 5. THIS IS THE HEARING ON
19 PURCHASE OF UNIMPROVED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 122 NORTH
20 TOPANGA CANYON BOULEVARD, TOPANGA, FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY
21 WATERWORKS DISTRICT NUMBER 29 IN THE AMOUNT OF 340,000 FOR THE
22 CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LIBRARY FACILITY WITH ON SITE PARKING.

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE
2 WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING
3 IS CLOSED. I WILL MOVE, MR. KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 6, THIS IS THE HEARING TO
6 CONDITIONALLY VACANT THE ALLEYS EAST OF LINCOLN AVENUE IN THE
7 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF ALTADENA.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE
10 WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, THE PUBLIC
11 HEARING IS CLOSED.

12

13 **RICHARD WEISS:** I'M SORRY, MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE'S A BRIEF STAFF
14 STATEMENT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SORRY. PUBLIC HEARING IS NOT
17 CLOSED. WHY DON'T YOU SPEAK TO IT AND THEN WE'LL ASK FOR THE
18 PUBLIC HEARING. THANK YOU.

19

20 **JOSE SUAREZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOSE SUAREZ. I'M AN
21 ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I
22 HAVE INVESTIGATED THE PROPOSED VACATION OF THE COUNTY'S
23 EASEMENT INTEREST IN THE DESIGNATED ALLEYS LOCATED EAST OF
24 LINCOLN AVENUE IN THE ALTADENA AREA. THE VACATION WAS PROPOSED
25 BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE DEVELOPER OF



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1 THE WEST ALTADENA SHOPPING CENTER REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT. THE
2 PROPOSED VACATION AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 7,900 SQUARE
3 FEET. THIS VACATION IS RECOMMENDED IN LIEU OF AN EARLIER
4 CONDITIONAL VACATION OF THE SAME COUNTY INTEREST THAT YOUR
5 BOARD APPROVED IN 2005. THE VACATION BECAME NULL AND VOID AS
6 THE CONDITIONS WERE NOT COMPLETED WITHIN THE ALLOTTED TIME. IN
7 MY OPINION, THE INVOLVED EASEMENT AREAS PROPOSED TO BE VACATED
8 ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR PRESENT OR PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC USE
9 INCLUDING NONMOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES. THE VACATION
10 WILL NOT CUT OFF ACCESS TO ANY PROPERTIES OR NEGATIVELY IMPACT
11 OTHER SURROUNDING PROPERTIES. THE VACATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO
12 THE SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPER DEDICATING RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR
13 CERTAIN CURB IMPROVEMENTS AND DEDICATING AND MAINTAINING, WITH
14 APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE AND PAVEMENT STRIPING AND ALLEY ACCESS
15 EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC USE ACROSS A PORTION OF THE SHOPPING
16 CENTER PROPERTY. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY PROTESTS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NOW IS THERE ANYBODY IN
19 THE AUDIENCE WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, THE
20 PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US AND MR.-- THIS
21 IS ITEM 6, CORRECT?

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH MOVES, MS. BURKE
2 SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 7. THIS IS THE HEARING TO
5 CONDITIONALLY VACANT WITH RESERVATIONS A PORTION OF ROSEBERRY
6 AVENUE, A PORTION OF AN ALLEY EAST OF COTTAGE STREET AND AN
7 ALLEY EAST OF ALAMEDA STREET IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF
8 WALNUT PARK.

9

10 **JOSE SUAREZ:** MY NAME IS JOSE SUAREZ. I'M AN ASSOCIATE CIVIL
11 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I HAVE
12 INVESTIGATED THE PROPOSED VACATION OF THE COUNTY'S EASEMENT
13 INTEREST, ANY PORTION OF ROSEBERRY AVENUE, A PORTION OF AN
14 ALLEY EAST OF COTTAGE STREET AND A PORTION OF AN ALLEY EAST OF
15 ALAMEDA STREET AS DESCRIBED IN THE BOARD LETTER. THE VACATION
16 WAS PROPOSED BY AN AGENT OF ONE OF THE UNDERLYING FEE OWNERS.
17 THE PROPOSED VACATION AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 57,350
18 SQUARE FEET. THIS VACATION IS RECOMMENDED IN LIEU OF AN
19 EARLIER CONDITIONAL VACATION OF THE SAME COUNTY INTERESTS THAT
20 YOUR BOARD APPROVED IN 2005. THE VACATION BECAME NULL AND VOID
21 AS THE CONDITIONS WERE NOT COMPLETED WITHIN THE ALLOTTED TIME.
22 IN MY OPINION, THE INVOLVED EASEMENT AREAS PROPOSED TO BE
23 VACATED ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR PRESENT OR PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC
24 USE, INCLUDING NONMOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES. THE
25 VACATION WILL NOT CUT OFF ACCESS TO ANY PROPERTIES OR



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1 NEGATIVELY IMPACT OTHER SURROUNDING PROPERTIES. THE VACATION
2 WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE UNDERLYING FEE OWNER MAKING VARIOUS
3 ROAD AND SIDEWALK RELATED DEDICATIONS TO FLORENCE AVENUE,
4 ROSEBERRY AVENUE AND WALTER STREET. THE VACATION WILL ALSO BE
5 CONDITIONED UPON RESERVATION OF UTILITY EASEMENTS, SANITARY
6 SEWER EASEMENTS AND STORM DRAIN EASEMENTS. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF
7 ANY PROTESTS.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE ONE PERSON WHO HAS ASKED
10 TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM IN OPPOSITION TO IT. DICK FLETCHER.
11 IS MR. FLETCHER HERE? WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD? YOU
12 CAN COME DONE HERE. THANKS. GOOD MORNING.

13

14 **RICHARD A. FLETCHER:** GOOD MORNING. APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY
15 TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS RICHARD A. FLETCHER. I AM A PROPERTY
16 OWNER ON A PARCEL OF PROPERTY BOUNDED BY ALAMEDA STREETS,
17 SANTA FE AVENUE, LEOTA AND NADU. ROSEBERRY ON THE SOUTH END
18 DEAD ENDS INTO LEOTA STREET. THIS HAS BEEN AN ACCESS TO OUR
19 PROPERTY, NOT THE ONLY ACCESS, BUT A USED ACCESS. OUR CONCERN
20 IS THAT, WITH THIS CUT OFF, THIS WILL DIMINISH THE VALUE OF
21 OUR PROPERTY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT...

24

25 **RICHARD A. FLETCHER:** THAT'S IT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S THE SUM TOTAL OF YOUR
3 TESTIMONY? ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S OFFICE. THIS IS IN
4 HER DISTRICT. GLORIA? YOU GUYS WANT TO BE-- YOU WANT TO WEIGH
5 IN ON THIS? IT'S A VACATION IN YOUR DISTRICT. YOU'RE OKAY WITH
6 IT? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. I THINK WE'LL--
7 DO YOU HAVE ANY RESPONSE TO THAT? IS THERE ANY RESPONSIVENESS
8 AT THIS POINT? IF NOT-- OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **RICHARD A. FLETCHER:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. MOLINA MOVES. DOES ANYBODY
13 ELSE WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS? IF NOT, THE ITEM-- THE PUBLIC
14 HEARING WILL BE CLOSED. MS. MOLINA MOVES, MR. KNABE SECONDS.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM NUMBER 7. ITEM 8?

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 8, THIS IS A HEARING ON
18 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION
19 TO AMEND THE FEE FROM \$2 TO \$11 FOR EACH HARD COPY OF THE
20 PRECINCT MAP PROVIDED ON PLOTTER PAPER TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR
21 COPIES OF PRECINCT MAPS IN AMOUNT OF \$16 PER CD AND \$18 PER
22 D.V.D. AND TO ESTABLISH A 6-DOLLAR OPTIONAL SHIPPING AND
23 HANDLING FEE FOR MAILING OF EACH C.D. OR D.V.D. TO RECOVER
24 COSTS BY THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE SOMEBODY FROM THE CLERK'S
2 OFFICE-- FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HERE? ALL RIGHT. I JUST
3 HAVE A QUESTION. YEAH. WHILE YOU'RE WALKING UP, I'LL SLOWLY
4 STATE MY QUESTION. WHEN YOU SAY \$11 FOR EACH HARD COPY OF A
5 PRECINCT MAP, WHAT IS-- IS THAT A MAP OF ONE PRECINCT?

6

7 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YES. IT'S A LARGE MAP. THOSE MAPS ARE
8 AVAILABLE FOR FREE ON THE INTERNET, PEOPLE CAN LOOK AT THEM
9 FOR NO COST. MOST PEOPLE WANT THE D.V.D.S. WE HAVE NEVER HAD
10 THE D.V.D.S, SO, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO SELL THEM, WE HAVE TO
11 COME FORWARD WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING. 99% OF OUR REQUESTS ARE
12 FOR D.V.D.S, PEOPLE WANT TO GET SOMETHING ON A DISK THEY CAN
13 LOOK AT ON THEIR OWN COMPUTER.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THE \$11 FOR EACH HARD COPY,
16 YOU'RE GOING FROM \$2 TO \$11? THAT'S A 5-1/2 TIMES INCREASE.

17

18 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** IT HADN'T BEEN LOOKED AT IN ALMOST 10 YEARS
19 AND IT WAS LOOKED AT FOR THE COST OF PREPARING THEM. AGAIN,
20 THERE ARE VERY FEW PEOPLE THAT EVEN ASK FOR THESE KIND OF BIG,
21 BIG MAPS BUT, WHEN THEY DO, THAT'S THE REAL COST RECOVERING.
22 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER LOOKED AT OUR COSTS AND BASICALLY ALL
23 THOSE YEARS WE WEREN'T COVERING ANYWHERE NEAR THE COST OF
24 PRODUCING A BIG MAP. SO THIS JUST GETS US UP TO...

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, IF THERE ARE VERY FEW PEOPLE
2 ASKING FOR THEM, WHY DO YOU NEED TO CHARGE ALL THIS MONEY FOR
3 THEM?

4

5 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, WE JUST WANT TO-- BECAUSE THE COUNTY
6 CODE DOES REQUIRE THAT WE TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT WE'RE CHARGING
7 FOR THINGS AND IS IT MEETING WHAT WE'RE ACTUALLY SPENDING ON
8 THEM? SO WE HAVE A PERSON IN OUR FEE AREA TO LOOK AT ALL OF
9 OUR FEES PERIODICALLY AND THIS ONE HADN'T BEEN LOOKED AT IN
10 NINE YEARS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THIS IS A MAP-- THIS IS A BIG
13 MAP OF ONE PRECINCT?

14

15 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HOW BIG IS IT? POSTER SIZE?

18

19 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YES, IT'S MADE ON A SPECIAL PIECE OF
20 EQUIPMENT TO MAKE THESE LARGE MAPS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THESE AREN'T THE MAPS THAT YOU
23 WOULD USE-- THAT A CAMPAIGN WOULD USE FOR-- TO CUT OUT MAPS OF
24 A PRECINCT SO PRECINCT WALKERS CAN GO KNOCKING DOOR TO DOOR?
25 THOSE ARE SMALLER MAPS?



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2 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** NO. MOST OF THEM, THAT'S WHY THEY WANT THE
3 LITTLE ONES ON THE D.V.D., SO THEY CAN GET IT AND USE...

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT IF YOU WANT A HARD COPY OF,
6 LIKE, A SECTION OF A BUNCH OF PRECINCTS BUT BIG ENOUGH-- EACH
7 OF THEM BIG ENOUGH SO THAT YOU CAN IDENTIFY THE STREETS? OR
8 WHAT DO THEY COST?

9

10 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, I REALLY DON'T HAVE ALL THOSE DETAILS
11 BUT...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THEY CHANGING THE PRICE?

14

15 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** NO, THEY'RE NOT AND, AGAIN, THEY'RE AVAILABLE
16 FOR FREE ON THE INTERNET, YOU CAN GO IN THERE AND LOOK ON OUR
17 WEB SITE AND LOOK AT THE PRECINCT MAP, THE SMALL ONES. THESE
18 ARE THE LARGE ONES.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ACCESS IT THROUGH THE
21 INTERNET-- THROUGH THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER'S WEBSITE?

22

23 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YES.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE
2 NOT MAKING IT PROHIBITIVE FOR A CAMPAIGN THAT DOESN'T HAVE A
3 LOT OF MONEY.

4

5 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** NO. THAT'S NOT OUR GOAL AT ALL.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AS A GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGN TO BE
8 ABLE TO FIND OUT...

9

10 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO FIND THAT AT
11 ALL. MOST OF OUR REQUESTS ARE FOR THE D.V.D. WE JUST HAVE
12 NEVER HAD THE CAPABILITY OF PROVIDING THEM THAT WAY, NOW WE
13 DO. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO GET A LOT OF REQUESTS FOR THE
14 D.V.D. SIZE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** I-- ON ANOTHER SUBJECT THAT-- ON COST, HAS THERE
19 BEEN ANY ANALYSIS ON WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE PRESIDENTIAL
20 PRIMARY IS CHANGED TO FEBRUARY? I KNOW THAT'S PENDING IN
21 ASSEMBLY, I BELIEVE.

22

23 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YES, SUPERVISOR BURKE, YES, IT IS, THERE'S A
24 BILL PENDING IN BOTH THE ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE SENATE ON
25 MOVING THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY...



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON A SECOND. [GAVEL]

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S SO MUCH TALK IN HERE THAT
5 IT'S HARD TO HEAR THE REGISTRAR, SO I ASK EVERYBODY, IF YOU'RE
6 GOING TO TALK, LEAVE THE ROOM. THANK YOU.

7

8 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** THANK YOU. JUST YESTERDAY I WAS SPEAKING WITH
9 C.S.A.C. ABOUT THIS ISSUE BECAUSE THEY WERE VERY INSTRUMENTAL
10 WHEN WE HAD THE SPECIAL STATEWIDE IN NOVEMBER OF '05 TO GET
11 THE COUNTY'S COSTS RECOVERED BECAUSE, FOR AN ELECTION LIKE
12 THIS FOR THE COUNTY, IT'S NOT IN OUR BUDGET, CLEARLY, TO PUT
13 ON AN ELECTION THAT WILL RUN CLOSE TO \$20 MILLION JUST IN OUR
14 COUNTY ALONE, SO I WAS LOOKING AT THE COSTS FOR NOVEMBER OF
15 '05, WHICH WERE OVER 60 MILLION STATEWIDE BUT, BECAUSE IT WAS
16 COMBINED WITH ANOTHER ELECTION, THE REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE
17 STATE WAS 38 MILLION, WHICH ACTUALLY DID COVER THE STATEWIDE
18 COSTS. SO IF PEOPLE THINK YOU CAN RUN A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
19 FOR 38 MILLION STATEWIDE, THAT'S NOT TRUE, IT'S GOING TO BE
20 BETWEEN 60 AND 70 MILLION. OUR COSTS IN THE COUNTY WILL BE
21 ABOUT 20 MILLION. NEITHER OF THE BILLS DISCUSS COSTS, IT JUST
22 ADDS ANOTHER ELECTION. THERE'S ALSO A HUGE ISSUE REGARDING--
23 NOW WE HAVE PRECINCT COUNTERS IN 5,000 PRECINCTS AND THE
24 PROGRAMMING TIME, AS WE LEARNED IN NOVEMBER OF '06, TO GET
25 PROGRAM, GET THEM READY, GET THEM OUT, COME BACK, DE-PROGRAM



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1 AND TURN THEM AROUND, THIS THREE-MONTH TIMEFRAME IS LOOKING
2 VERY SCARY TO TRY TO DO THAT. WE USED TO HAVE ONE CENTRAL
3 COMPUTER, NOW WE HAVE THESE 5,000 PRECINCT COUNTERS. THERE'S A
4 LOT OF LOGISTICAL ISSUES THAT HAVEN'T BEEN TALKED ABOUT YET.
5 SO I'M GLAD YOU'RE BRINGING IT UP BECAUSE I ACTUALLY HAD
6 PLANNED ON PUTTING SOME OF THIS IN WRITING TO THE BOARD.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU DO.

9

10 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** I WOULD BE GLAD TO DO THAT WITHIN THE WEEK
11 BECAUSE THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES SURROUNDING THIS THAT
12 AREN'T BEING LOOKED AT THAT ARE LOGISTICAL IN COST BESIDES
13 JUST THE POLITICAL...

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ARE WE REQUIRED BY LAW TO RUN THE
16 ELECTION EVEN IF WE'RE NOT REIMBURSED?

17

18 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** CORRECT. WE DID RUN THE OCTOBER OF 2003
19 RECALL ELECTION. THE COUNTY HAD TO ABSORB ALL THOSE COSTS,
20 WHICH WAS OVER \$9 MILLION BUT WE DID COLLAPSE THE PRECINCT
21 SIZE FOR THAT ELECTION FOR A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ELECTION ARE YOU TALKING
24 ABOUT?

25



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1 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** OCTOBER OF 2003, THE RECALL ELECTION.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE RECALL. BUT THIS-- THAT WAS BY
4 INITIATIVE.

5

6 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** YES, THAT WAS BY INITIATIVE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN WE REFUSE TO RUN THE
9 ELECTION...

10

11 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** WELL, THAT'S AN INTERESTING POINT,
12 SUPERVISOR.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN WE ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO
15 GET US QUICKLY A REPORT ON WHETHER WE CAN DECLINE TO RUN THE
16 ELECTION IF WE'RE NOT REIMBURSED?

17

18 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** MIGHT HELP NEGOTIATE THE COST REIMBURSEMENT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. THIS IS-- BECAUSE THIS IS
21 NOT SOMETHING THAT'S BEING INITIATED BY THE PEOPLE. THIS IS
22 BEING INITIATED BY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE IN SACRAMENTO. AND I
23 THINK THERE MAY BE A LEGAL DIFFERENCE. I DON'T THINK WE COULD
24 DENY THE PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD BUT-- IF THEY



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1 INITIATE AN ELECTION BUT SOMETHING THAT IS LEGISLATIVELY DONE,
2 I THINK WE MIGHT HAVE SOME LEEWAY THERE.

3

4 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** AND ALSO THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY FOR YEARS
5 WAS IN MARCH AND THIS IS JUST FOUR WEEKS EARLIER AND IT WAS
6 ONLY ONE PRIMARY. NOW, FOR FOUR WEEKS TO SPEND 70 OR SO
7 MILLION STATEWIDE, THAT'S ABOUT 17 MILLION A WEEK.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THAT WASN'T JUST THE
10 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY THAT WAS IN MARCH, IT WAS THE STATE
11 PRIMARY.

12

13 **CONNY MCCORMACK:** IT WAS ALL OF THEM COMBINED AND NOW THEY'RE
14 TALKING ABOUT MOVING FOUR WEEKS EARLIER THAN THAT DATE AND
15 HAVING A SEPARATE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AND THEN CONTINUING THE
16 STATE PRIMARY IN JUNE AND THEN, OF COURSE, NOVEMBER AND MANY
17 COUNTIES HAVE A NOVEMBER OF '07 ELECTION AS WELL AS OURS, SO
18 THAT'S FOUR MAJOR ELECTIONS IN 365 DAYS, HUGELY DIFFICULT
19 LOGISTICALLY TO TURN THAT AROUND.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
22 THANKS, CONNY. MS. BURKE WILL MOVE ON ITEM NUMBER 8. I'LL
23 SECOND. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

24



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE WE GO ON TO ITEM
2 NUMBER 10, CAN WE GO BACK TO ITEM NUMBER 1?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOU'VE TABULATED THE VOTES?

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT. AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A
7 DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS
8 AGAINST THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY PETITION NUMBER 83-704, LA
9 PRESA AVENUE TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND
10 COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 UNINCORPORATED ZONE SAN GABRIEL
11 AREA AND THE LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS. AS A RESULT, IT
12 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO
13 EXPAND AND LEVY ASSESSMENTS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I WILL MOVE-- I WILL SO
16 MOVE. SECONDED BY MR. ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS
17 VOTE.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. ON ITEM NUMBER 10, THIS IS THE
20 HEARING, DE NOVO HEARING ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NUMBER
21 98-062-3 AND FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT TO AUTHORIZE
22 CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PRIVATE RELIGIOUS
23 PRESCHOOL, ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL, PRE-KINDERGARTEN
24 THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, FOR UP TO 750 STUDENTS AND 97 STAFF ON
25 PROPERTY LOCATED NORTHEASTERLY OF PALO COMADO CANYON ROAD,



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1 EAST OF CHESEBORO ROAD, AGOURA HILLS, MALIBU ZONED DISTRICT,
2 APPLIED FOR BY ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL DAY SCHOOL WEST.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I'M JUST TRYING TO ORGANIZE
5 THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO BE HEARD.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE DO HAVE THE INDIVIDUALS HERE FROM
8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND REGIONAL PLANNING.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I BELIEVE THAT THE CITY OF AGOURA
11 HILLS HAVE REPRESENTATIVES HERE THAT WANT TO BE HEARD. HAVE
12 YOU FILLED OUT A CARD? YEAH, I DON'T HAVE THEM SO I DON'T KNOW
13 WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM. SO WE CAN JUST HAVE THE STAFF FIND THEM
14 SO THAT YOU'LL BE HEARD AFTER THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT
15 WILL BE HEARD AFTER THE STAFF REPORT, SO LET ME-- IN THE
16 INTEREST OF TIME, I KNOW THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE TRIED TO
17 ORGANIZE THEIR PRESENTATIONS, AND I APPRECIATE THAT, IN AN
18 EFFORT NOT TO BE REPETITIVE AND TO ADDRESS ALL THE ISSUES THAT
19 ARE IN EVERYBODY'S MIND, WE'RE GOING TO LIMIT THE TESTIMONY TO
20 TWO MINUTES PER PERSON. IN THE CASE OF THE CITY OF AGOURA
21 HILLS, I TOLD THEM THEY WOULD HAVE 10 MINUTES FOR THEIR
22 PRESENTATION AND WE WILL GIVE AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF TIME TO THE
23 APPLICANTS AS WELL AND TO THE OTHERS, SO I THINK IT WILL ALL
24 WORK OUT, EVERYBODY WILL HAVE A FAIR AMOUNT OF TIME BUT WE
25 JUST DON'T WANT TO GO ON REPETITIOUSLY AND WE'LL JUST BE FAIR



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1 AND COMMONSENSICAL ABOUT IT. SO THE PLAN IS TO HAVE A STAFF
2 REPORT, HEAR FROM THE APPLICANT, HEAR FROM THE CITY, AND THEN
3 HEAR FROM THE FOLKS AS THEY'VE ORGANIZED IT, THE OPPONENTS
4 FROM THE OLD AGORA AREA AND BEYOND. OKAY? STAFF PRESENTATION,
5 PLEASE.

6

7 **FRANK MENENSES:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY AND MEMBERS
8 OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS FRANK MENESES. I'M THE ADMINISTRATOR
9 FOR THE CURRENT PLANNING DIVISION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 REGIONAL PLANNING. TO MY LEFT ARE KIM SOLAY, TO MY RIGHT, I'M
11 SORRY, KIM SOLAY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, THE
12 CASE PLANNER, AND ALSO DENNIS HUNTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 PUBLIC WORKS WHO ARE HERE TO ASSIST IN THE PRESENTATION. ON
14 JUNE 28TH, 2006, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED A
15 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION
16 AND MAINTENANCE OF A PRIVATE RELIGIOUS ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE
17 SCHOOL, PRE-KINDERGARTEN TO EIGHTH GRADE, FOR UP TO 750
18 STUDENTS. NINE, ONE AND 2-STORY BUILDINGS ARE PROPOSED FOR THE
19 SITE. THE TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE IS 166,450 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR
20 AREA. THE PROJECT WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED IN SIX PHASES OVER A
21 13-YEAR PERIOD THAT IS PROJECTED. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED
22 NORTHEASTERLY OF THE PALO COMADO CANYON ROAD AND EAST OF
23 CHESEBORO ROAD, ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS. THE SITE
24 IS ZONED A15, WHICH IS LIGHT AGRICULTURE FIVE-ACRE MINIMUM
25 AREA AND IS WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NORTH AREA PLAN



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1 AS WELL AS THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NORTH AREA COMMUNITY
2 STANDARDS DISTRICT. THE SUBJECT PROJECT WAS REVIEWED UNDER A
3 DISCRETIONARY REVIEW PROCESS THROUGH THE REGIONAL PLANNING
4 COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION FOUND THAT THE PROPOSED USE WOULD
5 NOT BE IN CONFLICT WITH SURROUNDING USES AND THAT THE
6 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL WILL ENSURE THAT THE PROJECT, AS
7 PROPOSED, WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE
8 ENVIRONMENT. THE COMMISSION VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE THE PROJECT
9 WITH ONE COMMISSIONER ABSENT THAT DAY. THIS WOULD CONCLUDE MY
10 BRIEF REPORT TO THE BOARD. WE'RE AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS
11 YOU MIGHT HAVE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANYBODY ELSE WANT TO ADD TO THAT
14 FROM THE STAFF? OKAY. WE MAY HAVE QUESTIONS FOR YOU LATER.

15

16 **FRANK MENESES:** IF YOU LIKE, WE CAN RECITE WHAT THE APPEALS
17 WERE AND WHO FILED THEM.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S FINE.

20

21 **KIM SOLAY:** GOOD MORNING. FOUR STAKEHOLDERS HAVE MADE APPEALS
22 REGARDING THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE
23 SUBJECT PROJECT.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IDENTIFY YOURSELF, OKAY, IDENTIFY
2 YOURSELF FOR FOR THE RECORD. IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD.

3

4 **KIM SOLAY:** YES. MY NAME IS KIM SOLAY, REGIONAL PLANNING,
5 ZONING PERMITS ONE. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ABRAHAM JOSHUA...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HESCHEL.

8

9 **KIM SOLAY:** ...DAY SCHOOL WEST. THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, THE
10 OLD AGOURA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND SAVE OPEN SPACE HAVE ALL
11 FILED AN APPEAL. THAT CONCLUDES MY STATEMENT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE-- FIRST, WE'LL HEAR
14 FROM THE APPLICANTS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS. I'M GOING TO CALL
15 FOUR PEOPLE AT A TIME. ROGER VAN WERT, BEN REZNIK, ROGER
16 BLOXBERG AND DAN TARMAN.

17

18 **BEN REZNIK:** BEN REZNIK. JUST WANT A CLARIFICATION. DO WE GET
19 OUR 10 MINUTES TO PRESENT OUR CASE BEFORE WE CALL OUR PUBLIC
20 SPEAKERS? BECAUSE THE 10 MINUTES WOULD BE ONLY ROGER AND
21 MYSELF.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S THE INTENT, SINCE WE'RE
24 GOING TO GIVE 10 MINUTES TO THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS. SO YOU



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1 DON'T HAVE TO TAKE ALL 10 MINUTES IF YOU DON'T WANT TO. SO WHO
2 IS IT GOING TO BE? ROGER AND YOU, MR. REZNIK?

3

4 **BEN REZNIK:** YES.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO WHY DON'T WE START THE
7 CLOCK AT 10 MINUTES. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

8

9 **BEN REZNIK:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS
10 BENJAMIN REZNIK, WITH JEFFREY MANGLES BUTLER AND MARMORO. I'M
11 HERE REPRESENTING HESCHEL WEST DAY SCHOOL. IT IS INDEED A
12 PLEASURE TO BE HERE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE CASE NUMBER, IT IS NOT
13 A MISTAKE OR AN ERROR. YOU'LL SEE A 98 NEXT TO THE CASE
14 NUMBER. THIS WAS FIRST FILED IN 1998. WE'RE IN OUR TENTH YEAR
15 AFTER TWO E.I.R.S, SIX PLANNING COMMISSION HEARINGS AND I
16 THINK THE SCHOOL IS THANKFUL THAT IT'S FINALLY HERE BEFORE THE
17 BOARD FOR HOPEFULLY A FINAL DISPOSITION. THE SCHOOL HAS
18 COLLABORATED SUBSTANTIALLY WITH THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, WITH
19 ITS NEIGHBORS. AS YOUR STAFF REPORT INDICATES, THERE ARE OVER
20 14 IDENTIFIED MEETINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN-- YOU CAN SEE
21 THAT IN FINDING NUMBER 39. THE SCHOOL, AS YOU WILL HEAR, IS A
22 LOCAL SERVING SCHOOL, IT'S BEEN OPERATING FOR SEVERAL YEARS
23 RIGHT DOWN THE STREET, A MILE DOWN THE ROAD RIGHT OFF OF U.S.
24 101. AND 90% OF THE STUDENTS ALL LIVE WITHIN 10 MILES. THE
25 SITE WAS SELECTED BECAUSE IT'S ADJOINING THE FREEWAY, SO THERE



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1 IS NO NEED, REALLY, TO HAVE A SCHOOL SITUATED INSIDE THE MIDST
2 OF A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY. IT IS SECLUDED, THEREBY ENHANCING
3 SECURITY. THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY CHANGES MADE TO THE PROJECTS
4 OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST 10 YEARS THAT I CAN'T EVEN GO
5 THROUGH THEM ALL BUT I THINK ULTIMATELY THE SCHOOL FEELS IT'S
6 FOR THE BETTER AND FOR THE BETTER OF THE COMMUNITY, SUCH AS
7 THE SECLUSION OF THE SCHOOL, PROTECTION OF RIDGELINES. WE HAVE
8 73 ACRES. WE'RE ONLY UTILIZING 20 OF THE 73 ACRES. THE REST IS
9 GOING TO BE-- PART OF IT'S GOING TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE,
10 PART OF IT IS GOING TO BE A RECORDED EASEMENT FOR CONSERVATION
11 OF OPEN SPACE. THE ZONING THAT IT'S IN IS AN A-1-5. IT PERMITS
12 A SCHOOL WITH CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND THE GENERAL PLAN
13 DESIGNATION PERMITS IT. WE ALSO FILED AN APPEAL MAINLY BECAUSE
14 WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC MITIGATION TO DO, WHICH
15 WE DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH, WE'LL DO THEM ALL. HOWEVER, THE
16 E.I.R. IDENTIFIED AT ONE CRITICAL INTERSECTION, FOR WHICH
17 YOU'LL HEAR A LOT ABOUT TODAY, WHICH IS THE OFF RAMP AT U.S.
18 101 AND PALO COMADO, THAT WE CAN GO EITHER WITH THE ROUNDABOUT
19 OR WITH A SIGNAL. THE E.I.R. ANALYZED BOTH OPTIONS. THE E.I.R.
20 CONCLUDED THAT BOTH OPTIONS FULLY MITIGATE THE SCHOOL'S
21 IMPACTS AND SO WE ALWAYS ASSUMED WE WOULD HAVE BOTH OPTIONS.
22 YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT THE ULTIMATE DECISION OF THE IMPROVEMENT
23 AT THAT INTERSECTION IS GOING TO BE MADE BY CALTRANS BECAUSE
24 IT IS AN OFF RAMP RIGHT AT THE U.S. 101. AND WE HAVE BEEN
25 WORKING WITH CALTRANS. HOWEVER, AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION,



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1 THE PLANNING-- ONE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSIONERS, BECAUSE THE
2 CITY OF AGOURA HILLS DESIRED NOT TO SEE A SIGNAL LIGHT, THE
3 PLANNING COMMISSION PUT IN A CONDITION THAT SAID WE HAVE TO GO
4 WITH A ROUNDABOUT. WE HAVE APPEALED THAT BECAUSE, (A) WE DON'T
5 THINK IT'S LEGAL, BECAUSE THE E.I.R. HAD IDENTIFIED A SIGNAL
6 AS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE AND, AS YOU WILL HEAR LATER, THE
7 SIGNAL IS SAFE, IT'S DONE AROUND THE COUNTY, YOU CAN FIND IT
8 IN OTHER PLACES, IT'S A MULTI-PHASE SIGNAL AND THERE SHOULD BE
9 NO REASON WE SHOULDN'T HAVE THAT OPTION.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHO PUT IN THE ROUNDABOUT?

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13 **BEN REZNIK:** THE ROUNDABOUT WAS AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH
14 CALTRANS AND CALTRANS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO LOOK
15 AT A ROUNDABOUT AT THIS INTERSECTION AND SO WE PROCEEDED DOWN
16 THAT ROAD WITH THEM.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE DEPARTMENT WAS RECOMMENDING A SIGNAL?

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20 **BEN REZNIK:** THE DEPARTMENT WAS GOING ACTUALLY WITH BOTH
21 ALTERNATIVES.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EITHER ONE.

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25 **BEN REZNIK:** EITHER ONE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** IT WAS THE PLANNING COMMISSION THAT RECOMMENDED
3 THE ROUNDABOUT. IS THAT CORRECT?

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5 **BEN REZNIK:** THAT ACTUALLY LIMITED US TO THE ROUNDABOUT, SO--
6 AND SO BASICALLY THE...

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHAT YOUR APPEAL IS ABOUT?

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10 **BEN REZNIK:** THAT IS WHAT OUR APPEAL IS ABOUT AND THAT IS OUR
11 ONLY ISSUE ON OUR APPEAL THAT WE RAISED, IS THAT WE OUGHT TO
12 HAVE THE OPTION, AS WE GO THROUGH WITH CALTRANS DOWN THE ROAD
13 TO WORK OUT THESE DETAILS. YOU KNOW, HESCHEL WEST HAS A
14 TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS TO MAKE AS IS. WE'RE
15 IMPROVING OTHER INTERSECTIONS, WE'RE INSTALLING SPECIAL LEFT
16 TURN LANES, WE'RE CREATING RIGHT TURN THROUGH LANES, WE'RE
17 WIDENING ROADS, WE'RE PUTTING IN A SIGNAL AT THE EASTBOUND ON
18 RAMP AT THE U.S. 101 AT DOROTHY, WE'RE PAYING FOR OUR FAIR
19 SHARE OF THAT SIGNAL, WE'RE RESTRIPIING, WE'RE DOING A LOT OF
20 WORK IN THAT AREA THAT THE E.I.R. IDENTIFIED WE HAVE TO DO. WE
21 DIDN'T APPEAL ANY OF THAT. WE ACCEPT THAT. BUT WE DO WANT THIS
22 ONE OPTION. IT IS CALTRANS' POLICY, YOU SHOULD NOTE, NOT TO
23 APPROVE THESE MEASURES UNTIL THERE IS AN APPROVED CONDITIONAL
24 USE PERMIT. IT'S IN YOUR STAFF REPORT, THEY CORRECTLY POINT
25 THAT OUT. SO WE NEED THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPROVAL



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1 BEFORE CALTRANS WILL ACTUALLY ACCEPT AND COMPLETE THE
2 ENGINEERING ANALYSIS AND STUDIES. WE HAVE TO PAY OUR FAIR
3 SHARE FOR ANY FUTURE BRIDGE OVERPASS WIDENING. WE HAVE A LOT
4 OF WORK TO DO. SO THE MESSAGE IS, WE'VE BEEN HERE A LONG TIME.
5 THE SCHOOL HAS DONE EVERYTHING IT CAN. IT HAS TREMENDOUS
6 SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY. THE CITY OF CALABASAS SUPPORTS US,
7 THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS SUPPORTS US. WE HAVE COMMUNITY
8 SUPPORT, AS YOU WILL HEAR TODAY. THROUGHOUT THE PRIOR
9 HEARINGS, THIS HAS BEEN A CONSTANT THEME. AND, FINALLY, JUST
10 LET ME INDICATE, AS A LAWYER WHO DOES A LOT OF RELIGIOUS
11 INSTITUTIONS AROUND THE COUNTY AND THE CITY IN GENERAL, I HAVE
12 TO MENTION THE FACT THAT RLUPA, THE RELIGIOUS LAND USE AND
13 INSTITUTIONALIZED PERSONS ACT, AS WE ALL REFER TO IT, RLUPA,
14 IS INDEED APPLICABLE. THIS IS A RELIGIOUS DAY SCHOOL, AND SO
15 WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WHAT IT MEANS IS THAT, WHEN A CITY OR
16 COUNTY IS LOOKING AT IMPOSING CONDITIONS OR MAKING
17 DETERMINATIONS, IT MEANS THAT YOU HAVE TO FIND A COMPELLING
18 GOVERNMENT REASON IF YOU WANT TO EITHER DENY OR TO IMPOSE A
19 MEASURE THAT IS MORE BURDENSOME THAN OTHER MEASURES. AND
20 BASICALLY THE STATE OF THE LAW IS SUCH THAT YOU HAVE TO IMPOSE
21 THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE MEASURE. THAT'S WHAT RLUPA IS ABOUT.
22 THAT'S THE BRINGING TOGETHER OF THE FEDERAL FIRST AMENDMENT
23 PROTECTION LAW FOR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS. YOU HAVE
24 DISCRETION. IT DOESN'T TAKE IT AWAY FROM YOU BUT IT DOES
25 REQUIRE A COMPELLING GOVERNMENT REASON. SO, IN THIS CASE, WHAT



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1 IS THE COMPELLING GOVERNMENT REASON NOT TO HAVE A SIGNAL
2 ALTERNATIVE? THERE IS NONE. AND SO, WITH THAT, LET ME TURN IT
3 OVER TO MY COLLEAGUE, ROGER VAN WERT.

4

5 **ROGER VAN WERT:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY AND MEMBERS
6 OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS ROGER VAN WERT. I'M GOING TO PICK UP
7 ON ONE OF THE THEMES THAT BEN TALKED ABOUT AND THAT IS THE KEY
8 ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT THAT RELATE TO COMMUNITY ISSUES. AS BEN
9 NOTED, WE HAVE, OVER THE YEARS, MADE A NUMBER OF REVISIONS TO
10 THE PROJECT, INCLUDING THE LOCATION OF THE ACCESS, REDUCTION
11 IN GRADING, INCREASED LANDSCAPING, REDUCTION IN THE SIZE OF
12 THE CAMPUS, ADJUSTMENT IN THE FOOTPRINT OF THE CAMPUS, ALL IN
13 RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY-RAISED ISSUES. WE BELIEVE THE LOCATION
14 AND SIZE OF THIS PROPERTY PROVIDES US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO
15 MINIMIZE IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITY. FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE DIRECT
16 ACCESS FROM THE SCHOOL TO THE FREEWAY. WE DON'T GO THROUGH
17 RESIDENTIAL AREAS. BECAUSE THE CAMPUS IS DESIGNED IN A COMPACT
18 FASHION, WE HAVE ENORMOUS SETBACKS, BUILDING SETBACKS FROM OUR
19 PROPERTY LINE OF HUNDREDS OF FEET. THOSE SETBACKS ARE
20 LANDSCAPED, WHICH INITIALLY WILL SCREEN THE PROJECT FROM OFF-
21 SITE VIEWS AND EVENTUALLY FULLY SCREEN THE SCHOOL. THE COMPACT
22 DESIGN ALSO ALLOWS US TO PRESERVE KEY SCENIC AREAS ON THE 70-
23 ACRE SITE, THE HILLS AND THE RIDGELINES. AND WE HAVE A
24 PROPOSED EASEMENT THAT IS LARGER THAN THE SIZE OF THE CAMPUS
25 TO ACCOMMODATE THAT FACT. AND WE'VE ALSO MADE A MAJOR EFFORT,



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1 ON THE BEHEST OF THE CITY, TO INCORPORATE DESIGN ELEMENTS INTO
2 THE CAMPUS THAT SHOW-- THAT ARE REFLECTIVE OF WHAT YOU FIND IN
3 THE COMMUNITY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO BRIEFLY DISCUSS FIRE
4 SAFETY. I NOTED IN REVIEWING THE LETTERS TO THE BOARD THAT
5 FIRE SAFETY IS GOING TO BE AN ISSUE THAT'S GOING TO COME UP
6 TODAY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION A COUPLE THINGS THAT I WANT
7 THE BOARD TO KEEP IN MIND. FIRST OF ALL, THE HESCHEL SCHOOL
8 WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVE EVACUATION ROUTE FOR
9 THE COMMUNITY, SPECIFICALLY TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO GO DIRECTLY TO
10 THE FREEWAY WITHOUT GOING THROUGH RESIDENTIAL AREAS. RESIDENTS
11 FLEEING UPPER CHESEBORO CANYON, WHEN THEY REACH THE SCHOOL,
12 WILL FIND REFUGE AND RELATIVE SAFETY BEING BUFFERED FROM ANY
13 WILD LAND FIRE. THE CAMPUS WILL ALSO SERVE AS A FIRE BREAK FOR
14 THE ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL AREAS. DURING A FIRE EMERGENCY, THE
15 SCHOOL IS NOT GOING TO EXIT INTO RESIDENTIAL AREAS. IF A WILD
16 LAND FIRE IS IMMEDIATE TO THE CAMPUS, OUR PROTOCOL IS TO
17 SHELTER-IN-PLACE, WHICH WE BELIEVE IS THE SAFEST COURSE OF
18 ACTION. WE BELIEVE THAT HESCHEL SCHOOL REPRESENTS A NET PLUS
19 WITH RESPECT TO FIRE SAFETY IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. I
20 APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S ATTENTION.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU BOTH. FROM
23 THIS POINT FORWARD, WE'RE GOING TO LIMIT THE TESTIMONY TO A
24 MINUTE AND A HALF EACH SO THAT WE GET THROUGH EVERYBODY AND
25 SOMEBODY WANTS TO FINISH THEIR SENTENCE OR A COUPLE SENTENCES,



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1 WE WILL BE REASONABLE. ROGER BLOXBERG, AND LET ME CALL FOUR
2 PEOPLE UP AT THIS TIME, ROGER BLOXBERG, DAN TARMAN, RICK
3 WENTZ, AND JEFF WOODCOCK.

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5 **ROGER BLOXBERG:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS
6 ROGER BLOXBERG. I MYSELF WAS SCHOOLED IN THE CONEJO VALLEY AND
7 PROUDLY HAVE HAD TIES TO THE CONEJO VALLEY FOR THE PAST 30
8 YEARS. I SERVE AS CEO OF NOVA DEVELOPMENT, ONE OF THE
9 COUNTRY'S LARGEST CONSUMER SOFTWARE COMPANIES, HEADQUARTERED
10 IN CALABASAS AND OF COURSE I'M ALSO THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN
11 OF THE BOARD OF HESCHEL WEST, WHERE MY TWO CHILDREN HAVE
12 ATTENDED SCHOOL FOR THE PAST EIGHT AND NINE YEARS,
13 RESPECTIVELY. MY WIFE AND I COULD HAVE CHOSEN ANY ONE OF A
14 NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING SCHOOLS IN THE CONEJO VALLEY FOR OUR
15 CHILDREN BUT WE CHOSE HESCHEL WEST, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF OUR
16 DESIRE TO PROVIDE OUR KIDS WITH A JEWISH DAY SCHOOL EDUCATION
17 BUT BECAUSE OF THE SCHOOL'S REPUTATION AS A PILLAR IN OUR
18 COMMUNITY. DESPITE WHAT OUR OPPONENTS WOULD HAVE YOU THINK,
19 HESCHEL WEST IS NOT A TRAFFIC MAGNET, IT IS NOT A WILDLIFE
20 THREAT AND IT IS NOT A FIRE DANGER. THESE ARE ALL ALLEGATIONS
21 THAT HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVELY MOOTED BY A ROCK SOLID E.I.R. THAT
22 FORMED THE BASIS OF A 4-0 APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY'S REGIONAL
23 PLANNING COMMISSION. IN FACT, HESCHEL WEST IS AN INTEGRAL PART
24 OF THE FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY. OUR SCHOOL IS ABOUT MORE THAN
25 PROVIDING AN OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PROGRAM FOR OUR STUDENTS. AS



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1 A VALUE-SPACED INSTITUTION, WE TEACH OUR STUDENTS TO GIVE BACK
2 TO OUR COMMUNITY. WE FEED THE HOMELESS, COMFORT THE ELDERLY,
3 PROVIDE CLOTHES AND PROVISION TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED, PLANT
4 TREES IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND GENERALLY, FOR 13
5 YEARS, HAVE GIVEN ABUNDANTLY WHILE TAKING VERY LITTLE. OUR
6 PROJECT IS AN OUTSTANDING ONE FOR THE COMMUNITY, AN OPINION
7 THAT HAS BEEN ECHOED BY COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS LEADERS YOU
8 KNOW AND TRUST. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AS WELL
9 AND THAT YOU UPHOLD THE 4-0 APPROVAL OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING
10 COMMISSION. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DAN, YOU'LL BE NEXT.
13 LET ME CALL THE NEXT, BRUCE POWELL, COME ON DOWN. MR. TARMAN?

14

15 **DAN TARMAN:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS
16 DANIEL TARMAN, I'M THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE
17 COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL CORPORATION. I'M
18 HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE HESCHEL WEST PROJECT AND I'M SPEAKING
19 ON BEHALF OF COUNTRY WIDE. COUNTRY WIDE BELIEVES VERY STRONGLY
20 IN THE VALUE OF STRONG EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AS AN
21 IMPORTANT PART OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERESTS OF OUR
22 COMMUNITY. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, COUNTRY WIDE IS A FORTUNE 120
23 COMPANY, \$10 BILLION IN REVENUE, 15,000 EMPLOYEES IN THE LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY AREA. WE'RE HEADQUARTERED IN CALABASAS. WE HAVE
25 EMPLOYEES WHO RESIDE IN CALABASAS, AGOURA HILLS, WEST LAKE, WE



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1 HAVE FACILITIES IN THOSE COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS IN SIMI
2 VALLEY. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT HAVING INSTITUTIONS OF THE
3 NATURE OF-- AND THE QUALITY OF HESCHEL WEST MATERIALLY IMPACTS
4 OUR ABILITY TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN HIGH QUALITY EMPLOYEES. OUR
5 EMPLOYEES OWN HOMES IN THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY LIVE AND
6 WE BELIEVE THAT THIS PROJECT MATERIALLY SERVES THE INTERESTS
7 OF THE COMMUNITY IN THAT REGARD. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. WENTZ, YOU'LL BE
10 NEXT AND LET ME ASK LOUIS MASRY TO COME DOWN. MR. WENTZ.

11

12 **RICK WENTZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RICK WENTZ, I AM A SENIOR
13 MANAGING DIRECTOR AND GENERAL COUNSEL AT COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL
14 CORPORATION. I'M ONE OF THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ATTRACTED BY
15 THE QUALITY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. I'M A BOARD MEMBER AT
16 THE SCHOOL AND I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT SINCE ITS
17 INCEPTION NEARLY A DECADE AGO. BASED ON WHAT'S HAPPENED AT
18 PAST HEARINGS, I'D LIKE TO BRIEFLY GIVE YOU SOME PERSPECTIVE
19 OF THE EFFORTS HESCHEL HAD MADE TO ACCOMMODATE THE CONCERNS OF
20 OUR NEIGHBORS. HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE THINGS WE'VE DONE.
21 BEFORE WE EVEN PURCHASED THE PROPERTY, WE MET SEVERAL TIMES
22 WITH THE 13 ADJACENT HOMEOWNERS TO DISCUSS OUR PLANS. WE ALSO
23 MET WITH THE CONSERVANCY, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE
24 CITY OF AGOURA HILLS. OUR ARCHITECT SPENT TIME WITH AN AGOURA
25 HILLS PLANNING COMMISSIONER DRIVING AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD SO



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1 THAT WE COULD DESIGN THE SCHOOL COMPATIBLE WITH THE LOOK AND
2 FEEL OF OLD AGOURA, WHICH WE HAVE DONE. WE INVADE THE
3 LEADERSHIP OF THE OLD AGOURA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO A
4 SCHOOL MEETING TO ADDRESS CONCERNS, EVEN THOUGH OLD AGOURA HAS
5 REFUSED TO ALLOW US TO ATTEND ONE OF THEIR MEETINGS. WE
6 COMPLETELY REDESIGNED THE CAMPUS TO MAXIMIZE SETBACKS. AT OLD
7 AGOURA'S REQUEST, WE LOCATED THE ENTRANCE NEAR THE FREEWAY. WE
8 HAVE AGREED NOT TO HAVE EXTERIOR LIGHTING ON ATHLETIC FIELDS
9 AND HAVE LOCATED THE FIELDS ON A FAR SIDE OF THE PROJECT AWAY
10 FROM THE HOMES. WE HAVE ACCOMMODATED EVERY REASONABLE REQUEST
11 WE HAVE RECEIVED BUT IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT NOTHING IS GOING
12 TO SATISFY OUR OPPOSITION OTHER THAN THAT WE GO SOMEPLACE
13 ELSE, AND WE HAVE EVEN LOOKED AT THAT. WE'VE EVALUATED OVER 50
14 ALTERNATIVE SITES AND NONE OF THEM HAVE BEEN VIABLE. THIS HAS
15 BEEN A LONG AND DIFFICULT PROCESS. THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS
16 HAS CONSTANTLY RAISED ISSUES BUT HAS NOT PROPOSED A SOLUTION.
17 HESCHEL HAS BEEN AND REMAINS WILLING TO DO ALL IT CAN TO BE A
18 GOOD NEIGHBOR. THIS IS A GOOD PROJECT FOR OUR COMMUNITY. WE
19 RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND APPROVAL. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. WOODCOCK, YOU'LL BE NEXT, AND
22 I ASK MARY SUE MAUER TO COME DOWN, ALL RIGHT AND WE'LL-- LET
23 ME JUST GET THE NEXT ONE, THEN. OLIVIA-- IS IT EINBUND? MR.
24 WOODCOCK.



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1 **JEFF WOODCOCK:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
2 JEFF WOODCOCK. I'M HEAD MASTER AT OAKS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN
3 WESTLAKE VILLAGE. I BELIEVE THIS GIVES ME A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE
4 TO OFFER SUPPORT...

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S THE SCHOOL THAT HAD THAT
7 RUNNING BACK THAT WENT TO U.S.C.?

8

9 **JEFF WOODCOCK:** WE ARE THE NUMBER ONE SCHOOL IN THE STATE THIS
10 YEAR IN FOOTBALL.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE TO DISCLOSE MY BIAS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, BUT I'M A STRONG SUPPORTER SO THAT'S OKAY.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE VALUES OF YOUR SCHOOL SENT
17 THEM THE WRONG DIRECTION, I'M SORRY. [LAUGHTER] WE COULD
18 HAVE USED THEM AT UCLA. ALL RIGHT, DON'T TAKE ANY OF HIS TIME.
19 SO GO AHEAD, SIR.

20

21 **JEFF WOODCOCK:** IN ANY CASE, WE STARTED BACK IN 2000 WITH 198
22 STUDENTS AND TODAY WE HAVE AN ENROLLMENT OF NEARLY 1,000.
23 OBVIOUSLY, THERE IS A NEED FOR FAITH-BASED SCHOOLS AND THE
24 HESCHEL DAY SCHOOL WEST IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF A SCHOOL MEETING
25 THIS NEED, IN THIS CASE TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY WHICH IS A



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1 RAPIDLY GROWING SEGMENT OF THIS AREA. ONE OF THE KEY REASONS
2 FOR THE SUCCESS OF OAKS CHRISTIAN HAS BEEN OUR CORDIAL AND
3 MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY
4 OF WEST LAKE VILLAGE. WE HAVE A FIELD-SHARING ARRANGEMENT WITH
5 THE CITY AND IT IS AMAZING HOW MANY KIDS COME OUT ONTO THE
6 FIELDS ON A DAILY BASIS BUT WITH SO MANY LIMITATIONS AND
7 BUILDING RESTRICTIONS, IT'S BECOMING MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT
8 FOR SCHOOLS SUCH AS OURS TO FIND A PLACE TO LOCATE. I WOULD
9 SUGGEST THE BENEFITS OF THIS SCHOOL FAR EXCEED THE CONCERNS.
10 SOCIETY IS CRYING OUT FOR GOOD CITIZENS WITH STRONG VALUES AND
11 HESCHEL EMPHASIZES SUCH VALUES AS PART OF ITS CURRICULUM.
12 SOCIETY NEEDS WELL EDUCATED CITIZENS TO COMPETE IN A GLOBAL
13 COMMUNITY. HESCHEL EMPHASIZES AND PRODUCES EDUCATIONAL
14 EXCELLENCE. OUR SOCIETY EMPHASIZES THE VALUE OF CULTURAL,
15 RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY. HESCHEL BRINGS SUCH DIVERSITY
16 TO THIS AREA. EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO PROGRESS IN THE FUTURE
17 AND OUR STATE IS RANKED LOW IN EDUCATION. HESCHEL WILL BE PART
18 OF THE SOLUTION, NOT THE PROBLEM. ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS HOPE TO
19 PROTECT OPEN SPACE WHILE LIMITING DEVELOPMENT. HESCHEL WEST
20 USES ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THEIR PROPERTY WHILE
21 PRESERVING OPEN SPACE ON THE BALANCE. IN CONCLUSION, PLEASE
22 SUPPORT THE APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT. OAKS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS
23 A GREAT EXAMPLE OF A SIMILAR PROJECT IN THE AREA THAT HAS
24 BENEFITED THE COMMUNITY. I BELIEVE YOU WOULD ASK THE CITY
25 COUNCIL MEMBERS OF WEST LAKE VILLAGE OR CITY MANAGER RAY



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1 TAYLOR, I BELIEVE THAT THEY WOULD GIVE YOU UNANIMOUS CONSENT.
2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BRUCE POWELL IS NEXT.
5 IS LOUIS MASRY HERE? NOT HERE. ALL RIGHT. AND OLIVIA, YOU'LL
6 BE NEXT AND MARK LAINER AND MARK ECKSTEIN, YOU'LL BE THE NEXT
7 TWO. MR. POWELL.

8

9 **DR. BRUCE POWELL:** GOOD MORNING. I'M DR. BRUCE POWELL. I'M THE
10 HEAD OF THE NEW COMMUNITY JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL IN WEST HILLS,
11 CALIFORNIA. WE DO NOT HAVE A FOOTBALL TEAM. I WENT TO U.C.L.A.
12 AND WE COVET THE FIELDS OF OAKS CHRISTIAN. AND, BY APPROVING
13 THIS TODAY, YOU'LL HELP US TO AVOID THAT VIOLATION OF THE
14 TENTH COMMANDMENT. [LAUGHTER]

15

16 **DR. BRUCE POWELL:** MORE SERIOUSLY, HISTORICALLY, CALIFORNIA
17 EDUCATORS AND VISIONARIES HAVE DEVELOPED AN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM
18 FOUNDED, IN PART, UPON THE CONCEPT THAT CHILDREN NEED AMPLE
19 OUTDOOR SPACE TO ENHANCE THEIR LEARNING, THEIR HEALTH AND
20 THEIR OVERALL OUTLOOK ON LIFE. TODAY, THE GREATER LOS ANGELES
21 COUNTY REGION STANDS AS A NATIONAL LEADER IN HOW WE ENVISION
22 AND BUILD OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR PARENTS HAVE COME TO EXPECT THAT
23 THEIR CHILDREN WILL INDEED HAVE AMPLE OUTDOOR SPACE TO GROW
24 AND LEARN. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL JEWISH
25 COMMUNITIES ARE NOW IN THE MIDST OF AN UNPRECEDENTED HISTORIC



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1 GROWTH IN OUR JEWISH DAY SCHOOL SYSTEM. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS
2 HOME TO MORE JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS THAN ANY REGION IN THE NATION
3 IN THE UNITED STATES. YET, AS A JEWISH EDUCATOR WHO HAS HAD A
4 HAND IN DEVELOPING THREE JEWISH HIGH SCHOOLS IN GREATER LOS
5 ANGELES, THE BAD NEWS IS THAT APPROPRIATE LAND PARCELS FOR
6 SCHOOLS, ESPECIALLY SCHOOLS THAT HOLD TO OUR CALIFORNIA
7 VISION, ARE RARE AND, WHEN WE DO FIND THEM, ARE PROHIBITIVELY
8 EXPENSIVE. THE HESCHEL WEST PROPERTY UNDER CONSIDERATION TODAY
9 IS UNIQUELY SUITED TO THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR CALIFORNIA
10 EDUCATIONAL VISION. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR SUPERVISORS FOR
11 YOUR CONSIDERATION OF HESCHEL WEST'S VISION TODAY. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, DR. POWELL. OLIVIA,
14 YOU'RE NEXT AND LET ME CALL MICHAEL KOSS. OLIVIA?

15

16 **OLIVIA EINBUND:** HELLO. MY NAME IS OLIVIA EINBUND AND I HAVE
17 BEEN A STUDENT AT HESCHEL WEST FOR NINE YEARS. I STARTED AT
18 AGE FOUR IN THE TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM AND AM
19 CURRENTLY IN THE SEVENTH GRADE. I HAVE LIVED AND GONE TO
20 SCHOOL IN THE CONEJO VALLEY MY ENTIRE LIFE. I'VE PARTICIPATED
21 IN AYSO SOCCER LEAGUE, STARS CLUB SOCCER IN AGOURA, AYBA
22 BASKETBALL AND WAGS, WEST LAKE AGOURA GIRLS SOFTBALL. I FEED
23 THE LOCAL HOMELESS COMMUNITY AS PART OF MY SCHOOL'S REQUIRED
24 COMMUNITY SERVICE, AS WELL AS PERFORMING OTHER CHARITABLE
25 DEEDS AND I FEEL REALLY GOOD ABOUT IT. I FEEL I AM AN



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1 IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE CONEJO VALLEY COMMUNITY. MY SCHOOL HAS
2 BEEN ON A SMALL PIECE OF LAND FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS BUT MY
3 SCHOOL HAS GROWN. WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH ROOM FOR ALL THE KIDS
4 THAT WANT TO ATTEND AND SO WE NEED TO MOVE. ACTUALLY, WE DO
5 NOT EVEN HAVE ENOUGH ROOM FOR THE KIDS ALREADY THERE. WE HAVE
6 TO MAKE DO WITH SMALL CLASSROOMS, NO ROOM FOR A LIBRARY OR ART
7 ROOM AND SMALL SPORTS AREAS. JUST LIKE OTHER PUBLIC AND
8 PRIVATE SCHOOLS, CLUBS AND COMMUNITY CENTERS, WE NEED A SPACE
9 OF OUR OWN. I'VE WATCHED PARENTS TRY TO GIVE THEIR KIDS THE
10 BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION THEY CAN. EVEN THOUGH WE ARE A SMALL
11 SCHOOL, EVERYWHERE I GO, I SEE KIDS FROM HESCHEL WEST ALL OVER
12 THE COMMUNITY. THEY USES THE PARKS, SHOP AT THE STORES, HAVE
13 DINNER IN THE RESTAURANTS, GO TO THE MOVIES, TAKE ART CLASSES,
14 ATTEND LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES AND MORE. THIS IS WHAT
15 MAKES UP A COMMUNITY. ONE OF THE MAIN THINGS THIS I HAVE
16 LEARNED AT HESCHEL WEST IS TO HAVE TOLERANCE AND RESPECT FOR
17 ALL PEOPLE AND THE DIFFERENCES IN PEOPLE. NOW I'M ASKING FOR
18 OUR COMMUNITY TO HAVE RESPECT FOR OUR NEEDS AND A CHANCE AT AN
19 EXCELLENT EDUCATION, NOT ONLY FOR ME BUT FOR MY LITTLE SISTER,
20 MY FRIENDS AND FOR GENERATIONS YET TO COME. I'M ASKING MY
21 COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT MY SCHOOL SO THAT THERE'S ROOM TO GROW
22 AND ROOM TO LEARN. PLEASE SUPPORT HESCHEL WEST SO THAT WE CAN
23 BUILD A PLACE OF OUR OWN. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MARK LAINER, YOU'RE
2 NEXT. IS ALEX SOTERAS HERE? NOT HERE? RON HIRSCH, YOU'LL BE
3 THE FOURTH IN LINE HERE. MARK LAINER.

4
5 **MARK LAINER:** MY NAME IS MARK LAINER, I'M THE IMMEDIATE PAST
6 CHAIR OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. I'VE BEEN A CHAIR OF
7 THE BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION IN LOS ANGELES. I'VE BEEN
8 INVOLVED WITH THE STARTING OF VARIOUS SCHOOLS, INCLUDING
9 HESCHEL WEST. I CAN TELL YOU THAT, FOR THE LAST 35, 40 YEARS,
10 THERE'S BEEN A GREAT MOVE TO TRY TO START INDEPENDENT JEWISH
11 DAY SCHOOLS SO THAT WE CAN EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN AND WE ARE
12 ALWAYS LOOKING TO PUT THEM IN AREAS WHICH ARE CLOSE TO WHERE
13 THEY LIVE, WHERE THEY ARE COMPATIBLE TO THE COMMUNITIES AND
14 THAT HAPPENED EXACTLY HERE IN THE CONEJO VALLEY. WHEN HESCHEL
15 WEST STARTED 13, 14 YEARS AGO, WE WERE LOOKING FOR A FACILITY
16 FOR IT, THEY FOUND THIS WONDERFUL PIECE OF LAND. AS YOU CAN
17 SEE, WE'VE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO GET IT TO THE POINT OF
18 BUILDING IT. THOSE OF US WHO ARE INVOLVED IN JEWISH EDUCATION
19 IN THE COMMUNITY ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS. WE WANT IT TO BE
20 IN A PROPER SETTING, ONE THAT'S CLOSE TO WHERE PEOPLE LIVE,
21 ONE THAT'S COMPATIBLE WITH ALL THE AREAS AND NEIGHBORS AROUND
22 WHERE THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AND WHERE THE SCHOOL WILL BE
23 LOCATED AND WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT, IN THIS PARTICULAR
24 CASE, IT'S BEEN PROVEN THAT THIS PARTICULAR PROPERTY IS VERY



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1 APPROPRIATE AND IS PROPERLY SET UP TO BE THE SCHOOL FOR
2 HESCHEL WEST, SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DR. MARK ECKSTEIN.

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6 **DR. MARK ECKSTEIN:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I'M AN
7 EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL
8 SERVICES AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. I'M ALSO
9 THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND
10 I'M A NATIONAL EXPERT ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, EMERGENCY
11 PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. I WANTED TO
12 ADDRESS THE CONCERN OVER BRUSH FIRES AND DISASTER
13 PREPAREDNESS, IF YOU WILL, WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF HESCHEL
14 WEST AND THIS PARCEL OF LAND. ONE ONLY NEEDS TO LOOK AT THE
15 BRUSH FIRES DRIVING HOME LAST NIGHT WITH THE GLOW IN THE
16 MOUNTAINS OFF THE 101 IN WESTLAKE TO REALIZE THAT CERTAINLY
17 THE AREA WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS INDEED A HUGE FIRE RISK AND
18 BRUSH FIRES ARE A CONSTANT DANGER FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THOSE
19 AROUND IT. I WOULD SUBMIT THAT DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PARCEL OF
20 LAND FOR THE SCHOOL ACTUALLY WOULD GREATLY REDUCE THE RISK OF
21 WILDFIRES, BOTH IN TERMS OF LOSS OF PROPERTY BUT ALSO MORE
22 IMPORTANTLY WOULD PREVENT LOSS OF HUMAN LIVES. AS ALREADY
23 DESCRIBED, THE SCHOOL WOULD DEVELOP A GREENBELT, A BUFFER ZONE
24 AS A BREAK IN THE WILDFIRE BECAUSE THE LAND WOULD BE
25 LANDSCAPED, BE IRRIGATED. THE BUILDINGS WOULD BE UP TO FIRE



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1 CODE, SPRINKLERED, IT WOULD PROVIDE A AREA FOR PEOPLE TO
2 SHELTER-IN-PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY, A BETTER AREA FOR EMERGENCY
3 EVACUATION OF RESIDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY. IT WOULD ALSO
4 PROVIDE AN AREA TO STAGE A LARGE AMOUNT OF FIRE APPARATUS. AS
5 WE'VE SEEN WITH THE WILDFIRES, THERE'S A HUGE NEED FOR THAT.
6 AND ALSO TO PROVIDE A TEMPORARY COMMAND POST IF THE CASE WOULD
7 ARISE. SO I WOULD SUBMIT FROM AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND
8 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PERSPECTIVE, DEVELOPING THIS PARCEL OF
9 LAND IN ITS CURRENT PLAN ACTUALLY WOULD PROVIDES AN ADDED
10 DEGREE OF SAFETY, BOTH FOR THE STUDENTS THAT WOULD ATTEND THE
11 SCHOOL AND FOR THE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS AT LARGE. THANK YOU FOR
12 YOUR CONSIDERATION.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. MICHAEL KOSS
15 WILL BE NEXT. LET ME CALL LEIF OURSTON. NOT-- NOT HERE? ALL
16 RIGHT. FINE. IS MARY SUE MAUER HERE YET? MARY SUE WOULD COME
17 UP NEXT. MICHAEL KOSS.

18

19 **MICHAEL KOSS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MICHAEL KOSS
20 AND I'M THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE LOS ANGELES JEWISH
21 FEDERATION. I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU THIS
22 MORNING ON BEHALF OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION AND HESCHEL WEST
23 SCHOOL. OF THE APPROXIMATELY 600,000 JEWS LIVING IN OUR CITY,
24 ABOUT 100,000 OF THEM LIVE WITHIN JUST A FEW MILES OF HESCHEL
25 WEST. OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THE BUILDING OF A



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1 PERMANENT STRUCTURE ON THEIR LAND, AS WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT
2 THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE CONTINUED QUALITY EDUCATION.
3 CURRENTLY, HESCHEL WEST HAS TO TURN APPLICANTS AWAY, LEAVING
4 THESE STUDENTS WITH LIMITED ALTERNATIVES FOR PRIVATE JEWISH
5 EDUCATION. THE PARCEL OF LAND THAT HESCHEL WEST OWNS IS NOT
6 ONLY IDEAL, IT IS THE ONLY VIABLE CHOICE AVAILABLE. THEY HAVE
7 DONE THEIR DUE DILIGENCE AND HAVE TOURED DOZENS OF ALTERNATIVE
8 SITES. THE JEWISH FEDERATION HAS PARTICIPATED IN REVIEWING
9 THESE SITES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT OTHER
10 OPTIONS ARE NOT PRACTICAL DUE TO SIZE REQUIREMENTS AND
11 DEVELOPMENTAL COSTS. HESCHEL WEST HAS LABORED THROUGH THE
12 ENTITLEMENT PROCESS FOR YEARS AND THE TIME DELAYS HAVE FAR
13 EXCEEDED THAT OF MOST SCHOOLS. THE SCHOOL IS AN IMPORTANT
14 EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE FOR OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY AND THE
15 COMPLETION OF THIS SCHOOL HAS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT. ON BEHALF OF
16 THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES, WE RESPECTFULLY
17 REQUEST THAT YOU APPROVE THIS PROJECT. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE
18 THAT HESCHEL WEST DESERVES A PERMANENT HOME. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. RON HIRSCH.

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22 **RON HIRSCH:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY, HONORABLE
23 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS RON HIRSCH, I'M A PRINCIPAL
24 WITH HIRSCH GREEN TRANSPORTATION CONSULTING. WE'RE THE TRAFFIC
25 CONSULTANTS FOR THIS PROJECT. THE TRAFFIC IMPACTS OF THIS



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1 PARTICULAR PROJECT HAVE BEEN EXTENSIVELY ANALYZED OVER THE
2 COURSE OF THE LAST DECADE OR SO AND MULTIPLE VERSIONS OF THE
3 TRAFFIC STUDY HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO ADDRESS CHANGING
4 CONDITIONS, ONGOING AGENCY REVIEWS AND PUBLIC CONCERNS. THE
5 FINAL STUDY WAS PREPARED IN FEBRUARY OF 2005 AND WAS
6 ULTIMATELY APPROVED AND REVIEWED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
7 WORKS. AS MR. REZNIK POINTED OUT EARLIER, THE TRAFFIC STUDY
8 DID IDENTIFY SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS FROM THIS PROJECT AND
9 WORKING WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND CALTRANS AND CITY OF AGOURA
10 HILLS STAFF, VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR MITIGATION OF ALL OF THOSE
11 SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS WERE IDENTIFIED, BOTH SIGNALIZED AND
12 UNSIGNALIZED OPTIONS AS THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS HAD INDICATED
13 THAT THEY WERE GENERALLY OPPOSED TO TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPTIONS. WE
14 LOOKED AT MEASURES THAT WOULD TRY TO APPEASE THEM AND MITIGATE
15 IMPACTS WITHOUT INSTALLATION OF A SIGNAL. AGAIN, AS HAS BEEN
16 POINTED OUT, THE INTERSECTION OF PALO COMADO CANYON ROAD AND
17 THE FREEWAY ON-RAMP, ON AND OFF-RAMPS, THE MAIN ACCESS TO THE
18 SITE, DOES HAVE MULTIPLE MITIGATION ALTERNATIVES, INCLUDING
19 BOTH A SIGNAL AND A ROUNDABOUT ALTERNATIVE AND THOSE MEASURES
20 FULLY MITIGATE-- BOTH OF THOSE MEASURES FULLY MITIGATE THE
21 PROJECT'S IMPACT AND WE WOULD ASK THAT THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL BE
22 INCLUDED AS AN ALTERNATIVE MITIGATION MEASURE.

23
24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MARY SUE MAUER.

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1 **MARY SUE MAUER:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY, MEMBERS OF
2 THE BOARD, I'M MARY SUE MAUER, I'M A COUNCILWOMAN WITH THE
3 CITY OF CALABASAS, ALTHOUGH I'M HERE ON MY OWN TODAY. OUR CITY
4 HAS NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON THIS. BEFORE I BEGIN MY COMMENTS,
5 I WANTED TO CONVEY THE SUPPORT OF A COLLEAGUE OF MINE, COUNCIL
6 MEMBER BARRY GROVEMAN, WHO HAS TESTIFIED BEFORE ON THIS ISSUE.
7 I'M HERE TO OFFER A PERSPECTIVE OF WHAT'S NEXT. WE HAD A
8 SIMILAR SITUATION TO THIS IN CALABASAS, 30 ACRES OF
9 UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY. BEAUTIFUL OPEN SPACE, TRAILS,
10 MOUNTAINS, THE COMMUNITY SURROUNDING IT ENJOYED IT VERY MUCH.
11 WHEN THE LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSIDERED IT AS
12 ONE OF ITS TOP THREE SITES, THE OPPOSITION GREW FIERCE AND
13 LOUD. THE RESIDENTS WERE FEARFUL OF TRAFFIC, THEY DIDN'T WANT
14 TO SEE SO MANY CHILDREN WANDERING AROUND. WE EVEN HAD ONE MAN
15 TESTIFY THAT THE BLUFFS ABOVE THE PROPOSED SITE WOULD MAKE A
16 GOOD SPOT FOR A SNIPER. IT WAS DIVISIVE, IT WAS EMOTIONAL, IT
17 TORE OUR COMMUNITY APART AND, IN THE END, AFTER A YEAR'S
18 PROCESS, IT WAS APPROVED. ALICE C. STELL MIDDLE SCHOOL OPENED
19 FOUR YEARS AGO ON MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY, STILL IN UNINCORPORATED
20 L.A. COUNTY, AND IT IS THE JEWEL OF THE COMMUNITY THAT I LIVE
21 IN. AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, NOW, I WORK ON THE TRAFFIC ISSUES
22 WHICH ARE ONGOING. SCHOOLS GENERATE TRAFFIC. IF YOU DIDN'T
23 APPROVE SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC, WHERE WOULD WE BE? SCHOOLS
24 GENERATE TRAFFIC. AND IT'S A CONSTANT YEARLY BATTLE TO TRY NEW
25 WAYS TO ALLEVIATE. IN OUR CITY, WE ENCOURAGE OUR CHILDREN TO



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1 WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOL AND WE ARE CONSTANTLY ADDRESSING THE
2 TRAFFIC ISSUES, BUT WE HAVE A JEWEL OF A LEARNING INSTITUTE
3 AND I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND THAT HESCHEL DAY WEST WILL ALSO BE A
4 JEWEL. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. IS LOUIS MASRY HERE?
7 HE'S NOT ARRIVED. AND ALEX SOTERAS? ALL RIGHT. THEN THAT
8 CONCLUDES THE TESTIMONY FROM THE PEOPLE WHO ASKED TO BE HEARD
9 IN FAVOR. NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK COUNCILMAN DAN KUPERBERG AND HIS
10 DELEGATION FROM THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, THEY HAVE A 10-
11 MINUTE PRESENTATION, WHICH-- GOOD MORNING.

12

13 **DAN KUPERBERG:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY AND MEMBERS
14 OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS DAN KUPERBERG AND I'M THE MAYOR OF
15 THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS. PRESENT WITH ME AT THIS TABLE ARE
16 CITY ENGINEER KEN BIRKMAN AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND
17 DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, MIKE COMINO. ALSO PRESENT IN THE
18 AUDIENCE ARE CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY, TRAFFIC ENGINEER,
19 OTHER STAFF AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND COUNCIL MEMBER
20 BILL COHLER. I APPEAR TODAY, MAYOR OF MY CITY, REPRESENTING A
21 UNANIMOUS CITY COUNCIL URGING YOU TO UPHOLD THE CITY'S APPEAL,
22 DENY THE APPLICANT'S APPEAL AND DENY THE APPLICATION BEFORE
23 YOU. THIS IS NOT A RELIGIOUS ISSUE OR A RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
24 ISSUE. IT IS A LAND USE ISSUE AND I SAY THAT AS A PRACTICING
25 TEMPLE GOER AND A FORMER RELIGIOUS SCHOOLTEACHER. THIS



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1 PROJECT, AS YOU KNOW, IS ON COUNTY LAND, YET ALL THE
2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC IMPACTS FALL ENTIRELY WITHIN THE
3 CITY LIMITS OF AGOURA HILLS, WITH NO APPROPRIATE OR FAIR
4 MITIGATION TO DATE. THE PROJECT HAS COMMUNITY SUPPORT ONLY IF
5 YOU DISCARD A UNANIMOUS CITY COUNCIL, THE RESIDENTS OF AGOURA
6 HILLS AND ALL THE NEIGHBORS. WE COME TO YOU, WE APPEAL TO YOU
7 TO HELP US SOLVE THIS PROBLEM, TO HELP PROTECT US FROM THIS
8 PROBLEM. JUST AS YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY
9 CONCERNS OF THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE CITY'S
10 PARAMOUNT CONCERN IS THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR PEOPLE. THIS
11 IS THE MOST BASIC AND MOST IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCAL
12 GOVERNMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, ACTIONS THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING
13 TODAY WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF MY
14 COMMUNITY IF YOU APPROVE THE PROJECT AS IT STANDS NOW. AND
15 REGARDING RLUPA, PUBLIC SAFETY IS THE COMPELLING GOVERNMENTAL
16 REASON YOU WERE JUST ASKED TO FIND. MITIGATION OF TRAFFIC
17 IMPACTS PRESENTS NO BURDEN ON RELIGION. WE ARE ENTRUSTED TO
18 ENSURE SAFE PASSAGE ON CITY STREETS, ON OPEN ROADS DURING
19 TIMES OF FIRE. THE PROJECT, WITHOUT APPROPRIATE MITIGATION,
20 DOES NOT ENSURE THIS SAFETY. THE APPLICANT WANTS YOU TO
21 APPROVE A DUAL SIGNAL AT CHESEBORO AND THE 101 FREEWAY. THE
22 CITY'S TRAFFIC ENGINEER BELIEVES THAT THIS DUAL SIGNAL SYSTEM,
23 AS PROPOSED, IS NOT JUST INEFFICIENT BUT UNSAFE. THAT'S HIS
24 PROFESSIONAL OPINION. MR. KLEIN, THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER, HAS NO
25 INTEREST FOR OR AGAINST THIS PROJECT. HIS ONLY INTEREST IS TO



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1 USE HIS PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE, OPINION AND 40 YEARS OF
2 EXPERIENCE TO PROTECT THE WELFARE AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC. TO
3 IGNORE HIS ADVICE WOULD BE TO SUPPORT A DANGEROUS AND UNSAFE
4 TRAFFIC MEASURE. YOUR REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION WAS CORRECT
5 ON THIS ISSUE DUE TO THE TRAFFIC HAZARD. IN AGOURA HILLS,
6 WE'VE SEEN THIS ISSUE BEFORE, SPECIFICALLY A POORLY DESIGNED
7 DUAL SIGNAL SYSTEM. WE CAN LINK DOZENS UPON DOZENS OF
8 ACCIDENTS TO THE DUAL SIGNALS ON KEENAN RONAN AND THE 101 THAT
9 WE ARE NOW FIXING AT A COST OF ALMOST \$25 MILLION. THE
10 APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU IS EVEN WORSE AS THEIR SIGNALS
11 ARE EVEN CLOSER TOGETHER. THE ONLY JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR
12 DESIGN IS MONEY. IT'S CHEAPER. OUR OPPOSITION IS BASED ON
13 PROTECTING LIVES. YOU MUST DECIDE WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT TO
14 YOU BUT, IF YOU ALLOW THIS UNSAFE SIGNALIZATION ON OUR CITY
15 STREETS BECAUSE YOU DON'T REALLY THINK THERE'S ANY RISK OF
16 HARM, THEN THE COUNTY AND/OR THE APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE NO
17 PROBLEM INDEMNIFYING THE CITY FOR DAMAGES, INJURIES OR, GOD
18 FORBID, ANY RESULTING DEATHS. THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS IS NOT
19 TRYING TO STOP THE SCHOOL FROM BEING BUILT. WE'RE NOT SAYING
20 NO, NEVER. WE ARE SAYING NOT THIS. ON THIS RURAL SITE, YOU
21 NEED BETTER PLANNING, MITIGATED IMPACTS AND MORE SENSITIVITY
22 TO THE COMMUNITY. DENY THE PROJECT AS IT IS BEFORE YOU, SEND
23 IT BACK FOR BETTER PLANS OR A BETTER SITE. THE CITY HAS
24 PROPOSED A REASONABLE AND SAFE ALTERNATE ROAD IMPROVEMENT, A
25 2-LANE ROUNDABOUT. YOUR OWN STAFF HAS INDICATED IN AN EMAIL



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1 THAT THE SINGLE LANE ROUNDABOUT WILL NOT WORK. ON THE OTHER
2 HAND, NO ONE, NO ONE HAS INDICATED THAT THE TWO LANE
3 ROUNDABOUT WILL BE ANYTHING LESS THAN SUCCESSFUL. APPARENTLY
4 THE ONLY OBJECTION IS ITS COST. MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU KNOW THE
5 CITY HAS MADE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE.
6 WE'VE SHOWN A WILLINGNESS TO FIND COMMON SENSE SOLUTIONS.
7 PLEASE ALLOW US THE TIME AND OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO WORK
8 TOGETHER RATHER THAN FIGHT FROM AFAR. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED
9 THAT DURING THIS PROCESS THAT THERE BE AN INTERIM TRAFFIC
10 SOLUTION WITH NEW SIGNALS OR ROADS. THE CITY DOES NOT OBJECT
11 TO STUDYING ALTERNATIVE TRAFFIC MEASURES AND SITTING DOWN WITH
12 ANY AND ALL PARTIES TO FIND COMMON GROUND. HOWEVER, THIS BOARD
13 SHOULD NOT APPROVE ANY PROJECT, EVEN WITH A SIGNIFICANT
14 REDUCTION IN SIZE, UNTIL THE SAFE AND FINAL TRAFFIC MITIGATION
15 MEASURES ARE IN PLACE. YOU MUST RESOLVE THE TRAFFIC ISSUES
16 BEFORE THE PROJECT IS APPROVED. DO NOT PUT OFF THE TRAFFIC
17 ISSUES TO AN UNKNOWN FUTURE DATE. IF YOU WANT TO APPROVE THE
18 SCHOOL, SOLVE THE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS FIRST. WITH ALL DUE
19 RESPECT, MR. CHAIRMAN, TEMPORARY OR INTERIM SOLUTIONS HAVE A
20 WAY OF BECOMING FINAL AND PERMANENT SOLUTIONS. WHAT GUARANTEES
21 DO WE HAVE THAT THE PREFERRED AND SAFE TRAFFIC OPTION, FOR
22 EXAMPLE, THE ROUNDABOUT, WILL EVER BE DONE IF APPLICANT IS
23 HAPPY WITH LOWER PRICED INTERIM SOLUTION? THEY HAVE NO
24 INCENTIVE TO FOLLOW THROUGH. THEN THE PREFERRED OPTION NEVER
25 HAPPENS AND THE INTERIM BECOMES PERMANENT. HOW DO YOU



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1 GUARANTEE THAT THE TEMPORARY FIX IS TEMPORARY? FOR EXAMPLE,
2 OAKS CHRISTIAN IS A WONDERFUL SCHOOL BUT IT WAS ONLY APPROVED
3 AFTER ACCESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE WAS IN PLACE. CAPPING THE
4 SCHOOL SIZE ISN'T AN ANSWER UNLESS YOU PROVIDE A FOOLPROOF
5 MECHANISM FOR DETECTION AND ENFORCEMENT. YOU CANNOT GUARANTEE
6 THAT THE INTERIM OPTION IS ONLY INTERIM, SO PLEASE DON'T DO
7 IT. WHEN I ATTENDED COLLEGE, SOME STUDENTS HAD TO LIVE IN
8 INTERIM OR TEMPORARY HOUSING, CALLED TRAILERS. WHEN I WENT
9 BACK FOR MY 20-YEAR REUNION, THE TRAILERS WERE STILL THERE.
10 INTERIM BECOMES PERMANENT. AGOURA HILLS IS A FELLOW PUBLIC
11 ENTITY ASKING YOU TO ASSIST US IN PROTECTING THE SAFETY OF OUR
12 PEOPLE, PROTECTING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE. STAFF AND I ARE
13 AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR...

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. LET ME JUST ASK THIS SO I
16 UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING AND TO ASK YOU WHETHER THIS IS
17 THE WAY YOU DO BUSINESS IN YOUR CITY, TOO. ARE YOU SAYING THAT
18 BEFORE AN INTERIM-- IF THERE IS AN INTERIM SOLUTION IS
19 IMPOSED, THAT THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION HAS TO BE IN PLACE? IS
20 THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING? OTHERWISE, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE
21 SAYING, WHAT'S THE POINT OF AN INTERIM SOLUTION? WHY NOT WAIT
22 FOR THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION?

23

24 **DAN KUPERBERG:** SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS WE HAVE HEARD,
25 CHAIRMAN, ARE THAT, WHILE INTERIM-- WHILE PERMANENT



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1 SUGGESTIONS ARE BEING DISCUSSED, ARE BEING STUDIED, THAT
2 INTERIM SOLUTIONS ARE BEING PUT IN PLACE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THAT CERTAINLY IS AN OPTION
5 WE HAVE, WE HAVE AN OPTION TO APPROVE ANYTHING FROM ZERO TO
6 750. THAT'S THE APPLICATION. SO IF THERE'S AN INTERIM SOLUTION
7 THAT INCLUDES IN THE STUDENT BODY SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN OR A
8 MODIFIED APPLICATION SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN WHERE THEY ARE AND
9 WHERE-- AND WHAT'S THERE NOW AND IT'S INTERIM TO SOMETHING
10 BIGGER DOWN THE LINE, I WOULD IMAGINE THAT YOU WOULD WANT US
11 TO BE SURE THAT, BEFORE THAT SOMETHING BIGGER DOWN THE LINE
12 COMES ABOUT, THAT THERE IS A GUARANTEE THAT THE MITIGATIONS
13 THAT ARE AGREED UPON WOULD BE DONE BUT NOT TO HOLD UP THE
14 INTERIM SOLUTION FOR THAT. THEN YOU'RE REALLY ASKING FOR THE
15 PROPERTY TO BE-- TO REMAIN THE WAY IT IS UNTIL THEY FIGURE IT
16 OUT, WHICH MAY BE WHAT YOU WANT BUT THAT'S NOT LIKELY THAT
17 THAT'S WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

18

19 **DAN KUPERBERG:** I'M SURE YOUR GOAL AND WHAT YOU INTEND WOULD BE
20 THAT AN INTERIM SOLUTION IS INTERIM BUT, UNLESS THERE ARE
21 GUARANTEES IN PLACE THAT THERE WILL BE A PERMANENT FIX,
22 INTERIM WILL BECOME PERMANENT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, INTERIM COULD BECOME
25 PERMANENT IF THEY CAN'T ADVANCE THE STATE-OF-THE-ART OF



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1 MITIGATION DOWN THE LINE, THEN THEY'RE GOING TO BE-- WHATEVER
2 THE INTERIM IS WILL REMAIN INTERIM UNTIL THEY ARE ABLE TO GET--
3 - TO QUALIFY FOR WHATEVER THE NEXT THRESHOLD IS.

4

5 **DAN KUPERBERG:** AND ARGUABLY THE INTERIM SOLUTION THAT'S
6 TEMPORARY IS NOT A BETTER SOLUTION, IT'S NOT A SAFE SOLUTION,
7 IT WILL CAUSE DAMAGE OR HARM.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I SEE. WELL, THAT'S-- WE MAY
10 HAVE A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ON THAT. AND JUST AS YOU WOULD
11 LIKE US-- JUST AS YOU WOULD LIKE A GUARANTEE THAT THE INTERIM
12 DOESN'T BECOME PERMANENT, I'M SURE THEY WOULD SAY THEY WOULD
13 LIKE A GUARANTEE THAT YOU WON'T STAND IN THE WAY OF A
14 PERMANENT SOLUTION, TOO. WE'VE HAD THIS CONVERSATION PRIVATELY
15 AND I THINK EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS WHAT THE DYNAMICS ARE AND
16 WHAT-- I MEAN, THIS IS A DISCUSSION WE'LL HAVE AT THE END OF
17 THE HEARING TODAY BUT ONE OF THE THINGS I'M LOOKING TO TRY TO
18 FIGURE OUT IS HOW TO THREAD THIS NEEDLE, BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT
19 TWO SIDES THAT DON'T TRUST EACH OTHER, THAT-- AND THE FIVE OF
20 US ARE IN A POSITION OF HAVING TO TRY TO DECIPHER AMONG ALL OF
21 THIS AND TO TRY TO BE SOLOMON-LIKE, TO USE A BIBLICAL TERM
22 APPROPRIATE TODAY, AND THERE ARE NO SOLOMONS AMONG US, SO
23 WE'RE GOING TO DO OUR BEST BUT IT MEANS A LITTLE BIT OF GOOD
24 FAITH AND WE ARE GOING TO BE-- TRY TO BE ARBITERS IN THIS AS
25 BEST WE CAN BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S LOGICAL OR FAIR FOR YOU TO



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1 SAY, DON'T ADVANCE AN INTERIM SOLUTION UNTIL YOU HAVE A
2 GUARANTEE THAT THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION IS TAKEN CARE OF. YOU
3 DON'T NEED AN INTERIM AND YOU WON'T HAVE A SCHOOL AND THAT'S
4 WHAT SOME PEOPLE WANT, AND I UNDERSTAND AND I RESPECT THAT.

5

6 **DAN KUPERBERG:** AND THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING, NOR IS WHAT
7 I'VE SAID TO YOU PRIVATELY.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I KNOW IT WASN'T WHAT YOU SAID TO
10 ME PRIVATELY, WHICH IS WHY I'M ASKING YOU IT PUBLICLY.

11

12 **DAN KUPERBERG:** AND I WOULD SUGGEST TO YOU, AND, AS YOU KNOW,
13 MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE TRIED TO MAKE ACCOMMODATIONS. OUR STAFF
14 SAT DOWN WITH YOUR STAFF A WEEK AND A HALF AGO AND I THINK
15 THAT WE WENT THE EXTRA YARD THERE TRYING TO WORK OUT SOME
16 REASONABLE SOLUTIONS. I HAVE YET TO SEE ANYTHING RELATED FROM
17 THE APPLICANT THAT-- IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE GIVING, AND WE'RE
18 TRYING TO MAKE ACCOMMODATIONS, WE'RE TRYING TO FIND SOLUTIONS,
19 EVEN IF THEY'RE NOT OUR FIRST CHOICE SOLUTIONS, EVEN IF
20 THEY'RE NOT OUR SECOND CHOICE SOLUTIONS, WE'RE NOT TRYING TO
21 STOP ANY SCHOOL FROM BEING BUILT. WE'RE TRYING TO STOP THE
22 SCHOOL AT THE SIZE WITH THE CURRENT LACK OF MITIGATION BUT
23 I'VE YET TO SEE THE KIND OF MEASURES BEING MADE TO A
24 COMPROMISE OR ACCOMMODATE OUR CONCERNS MADE BY THE APPLICANT.
25 I'M HOPING THAT, AT SOME POINT IN TIME IN THE VERY NEAR



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1 FUTURE, WE ALL CAN SIT DOWN AND YOU COULD HELP US REASON
2 TOGETHER OR YOU COULD POINT OUT TO ME WHERE THE APPLICANT IS
3 MEETING US EVEN PART WAY.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, WE'LL DO THE BEST WE CAN,
6 AND IF THEY DON'T MEET YOU HALFWAY OR IF YOU DON'T MEET THEM
7 HALFWAY, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR AND WE'LL MAKE IT MEET
8 HALFWAY, WHATEVER HALFWAY IS, IF THAT'S WHAT HAS TO BE DONE
9 BUT I HOPE THAT WE CAN HAVE THAT KIND OF CONVERSATION, AND, AS
10 I PROMISED YOU WE WOULD, AND I THINK THAT WOULD BE WELL
11 ADVISED BUT WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT AFTER THE HEARING. I DON'T
12 WANT TO GET TOO FAR AFIELD BUT I APPRECIATE THE-- YOUR STAFF
13 AND YOURSELF, DAN, FOR THE TIME YOU'VE TAKEN ON THIS AND I
14 KNOW YOU HAVE AND YOUR STAFF HAS BEEN VERY FORTHCOMING IN
15 TRYING TO BE PROBLEM SOLVERS IN THIS AND WE'RE GOING TO
16 REQUIRE-- WE'RE GOING TO NEED THAT IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS WORK,
17 SO I APPRECIATE MR. RAMIREZ AND THE REST OF THE STAFF FOR THE
18 WORK YOU'VE DONE ON THIS.

19

20 **DAN KUPERBERG:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES THE CITY'S
21 PRESENTATION BUT WE'RE AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS. APPRECIATE IT, MAYOR, AND
24 THANKS FOR BEING HERE AND GET BACK TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY NOW.
25 [LAUGHTER] HE'S ONE OF OUR DEDICATED AND VERY GOOD PUBLIC



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1 DEFENDERS. WE APPRECIATE THE WORK YOU DO, DAN. THANKS. ALL
2 RIGHT. I HAVE SEVERAL PEOPLE-- QUITE-- NOT QUITE A NUMBER BUT
3 A NUMBER. LET ME CALL YOU UP FOUR AT A TIME. GEORGE COLMAN,
4 JESS THOMAS, TARA FARKASH AND DARYL LEVINE. GOOD TO SEE YOU
5 AGAIN. GOOD MORNING. GO AHEAD, GEORGE. YOU'RE UP FIRST.

6

7 **GEORGE COLMAN:** I THOUGHT WE WERE GETTING TWO MINUTES.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, YOU KNOW, THAT FOURTH GRADER
10 DID SUCH A GREAT JOB IN 90 SECONDS, IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT... [
11 LIGHT LAUGHTER]

12

13 **GEORGE COLMAN:** I'M A LITTLE OLDER. IT TAKES TIME. I'LL DO THE
14 BEST I CAN.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IF I TOLD YOU TWO MINUTES, I
17 APOLOGIZE. BUT I WILL BE REASONABLE. I WANT TO HOLD EVERYBODY
18 TO THE SAME TIME EVERYBODY ELSE GOT BUT IF YOU HAVE TO FINISH
19 A COUPLE OF SENTENCES, I WON'T CUT YOU OFF.

20

21 **GEORGE COLMAN:** THANK YOU MUCH. FIRST OF ALL, GOOD DAY TO OUR
22 ILLUSTRIOUS AND CELEBRATED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND MY
23 SUPERVISOR, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY. WE HAVE A VERY BRIEF TIME SO A
24 LOT OF THE STUFF I WAS GOING TO SHARE WITH YOU, I'M GOING TO
25 HAVE SUBMIT BY DOCUMENTATION AND HOPEFULLY EVERYONE WILL



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1 DIGEST IT AND READ IT WITH RESPECT TO WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY
2 AND WHICH WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. BUT FIRSTLY, I'D LIKE TO
3 ASK THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WHO ARE OPPOSED TO THE PROJECT AS IT
4 PRESENTLY NOW HAS BEEN APPROVED, WOULD YOU STAND, PLEASE?
5 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THERE'S A LITTLE SUPPORT OUT THERE FOR
6 THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE. FIRSTLY, SOME OF THE ISSUES ARE
7 TRAFFIC BUT I NEED THIS BOARD TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING THAT'S
8 VERY SIGNIFICANT TO ME. BY THE WAY, I LIVE AT 5676 COLONY
9 DRIVE IN OLDER AGOURA, AND I'M PART OF THE OLD AGOURA LEGAL
10 COMMITTEE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANT TO MAKE-- BRING HOME
11 TO YOU IS THAT THIS IS THAT UNIQUE SITUATION IN THIS COUNTY
12 AND I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE FOR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, CITY OF
13 CALABASAS, WHEN I LIVED THERE AS WELL AND THAT IS PROPERTY IS
14 IN L.A. COUNTY. THE IMPACTS IF NOT 98%, 95% IN THE CITY OF
15 AGOURA. I NEED NOT GO MUCH FURTHER. WE HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL WITH
16 2,200 STUDENTS LESS THAN 6/10 A MILE AWAY FROM THE SITE. SINCE
17 WE TALKED ABOUT FOOTBALL, WE HAVE TWO PRESCHOOLS WITHIN A
18 FOOTBALL FIELD'S DISTANCE OF THE SCHOOL. THERE ARE TREMENDOUS
19 IMPACTS THAT HAVE TO BE LOOKED AT. I'M GOING TO ASK YOU ALL TO
20 READ 66 LETTERS THAT WE HAVE FROM THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER
21 FEDERATIONS, MY COMMENT, WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT MORE EXTENSIVE,
22 AS WELL AS EXPERT TESTIMONY FROM WITNESSES THAT HAD BEEN
23 PRESENTED INITIALLY TO THE RPC. I'VE ONE COMMENT THAT I ASK
24 YOU TO MAKE AND THAT IS TO DELIBERATE WELL, USE GOOD JUDGMENT.
25 THIS IS GOING TO BE ONE OF THE MORE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON THE



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1 WESTERN PART OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IN YEARS AND YOU MUST
2 BE AWARE OF THAT AND YOU MUST FOCUS ON THAT.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS, GEORGE. APPRECIATE IT.

5

6 **GEORGE COLMAN:** WISH I HAD ANOTHER 70 SECONDS. THANKS.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. JESS THOMAS IS NEXT. LET ME
9 JUST CALL UP ROBERT EVREN. JESS, GOOD MORNING.

10

11 **JESS THOMAS:** JESS THOMAS, PRESIDENT OF THE OLD AGOURA
12 HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. MY COMMENT IS ABOUT HESCHEL'S
13 CONFORMANCE WITH THE NORTH AREA PLAN. FOR OVER THREE DECADES
14 NOW, OUR COMMUNITY, THROUGH THE OLD AGOURA HOMEOWNERS
15 ASSOCIATION, HAS PARTICIPATED IN VIRTUALLY EVERY LOCAL AND
16 REGIONAL PROGRAM TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING AN ORDERLY LAND USE
17 GUIDELINE. WE WERE EAGERLY THERE WHEN SENATOR ED DAVIS
18 INAUGURATED THE VENTURA FREEWAY CORRIDOR AREA WIDE STUDY IN
19 THE LATE 1980S. IN AUGUST OF 1993 WHEN THE INFORMAL STUDY
20 GROUP WAS MERGED WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL PLAN
21 UPDATE PROGRAM, I WAS APPOINTED TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY
22 COMMITTEE OF THE VENTURA FREEWAY AREA WIDE PLAN. AS THE
23 COMMITTEES MET AND LABORED OVER THE YEARS, THE RESULTS BECAME
24 KNOWN AS THE NORTH AREA PLAN. I WAS THERE WHEN THE GOALS AND
25 POLICIES WERE DEVELOPED AND DEFINED AND I KNOW THE PROTECTIVE-



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1 - I KNOW WHAT THE PROTECTIVE INTENT WAS. I WILL SAY THAT THE
2 REVISED DRAFT E.I.R. OF MARCH 2005 AT LEAST MAKES AN ATTEMPT
3 TO CLAIM HESCHEL'S CONFORMANCE WITH THE PLAN BUT THE EFFORT
4 MAKES MAJOR ILLOGICAL STRETCHES WHEN INTERPRETING THE GUIDING
5 PRINCIPLES, GOALS AND POLICIES OF THE PLAN. MY SUBMITTED
6 COMMENT LETTER WILL DETAIL THESE DEPARTURES IN CAREFULLY
7 ANNOTATED FASHION BUT I WILL OFFER YOU EXAMPLES NOW OF THE
8 MAJOR CONTRASTS. IN THE INTEREST OF BREVITY, I WILL FOREGO
9 EXAMPLES THAT MAY BE DUPLICATED TODAY. THERE ARE A LARGE
10 NUMBER OF POLICIES AND GOALS IN THE PLAN WHICH DIRECTLY APPLY
11 TO THIS PROPOSAL. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM SHOULD BE
12 CONSIDERED IN THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. VERY FEW
13 ARE. HERE ARE SOME OF THE MORE IMPORTANT ONES THAT ARE
14 MISSING. THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE UNDER THE CONSERVATION AND OPEN
15 SPACE ELEMENT OF THE PLAN IS AND I QUOTE, "RESOURCE PROTECTION
16 HAS PRIORITY OVER DEVELOPMENT". CHESEBORO ROAD IS LISTED AS A
17 SCENIC RURAL ROUTE WHOSE VISTAS AND VISUAL QUALITY SHOULD BE
18 MAINTAINED AND ENHANCED BY REGULATING THE ALTERATION OF THE
19 NATURAL LANDSCAPE AND TERRAIN. AS DESIGNED, THIS SCHOOL
20 REQUIRES MASSIVE GRADING IN ORDER TO CREATE THE 20-FOOT HIGH
21 ARTIFICIAL BUILDING PAD WITH THE SCHOOL'S STRUCTURE LOOMING
22 OVER 50 FEET ABOVE AND DIRECTLY BEHIND THE EXISTING SINGLE-
23 FAMILY COTTAGES BELOW IT AND A 90-FOOT DEEP GASH IN THE
24 SOUTHERN RIDGELINE IS CALLED FOR TO CREATE THE ACCESS ROADWAY.
25 THE URBAN LOOKING ELEVATED CAMPUS WITH ITS SERVICE ROAD WILL



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1 LOOM IN STARK CONTRAST TO THE NATURAL RURAL COUNTY ROAD AND
2 NEIGHBORHOOD THAT IT INTRUDES UPON.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** JESS, DO YOU HAVE ALL THIS IN
5 WRITING?

6

7 **JESS THOMAS:** YES. I'VE CUT OUT 7/10 OF IT RIGHT HERE, ZEV. I'D
8 LIKE TO JUST WRAP UP.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. GO AHEAD.

11

12 **JESS THOMAS:** GENERAL GOAL ONE IS THE PRESERVATION OF THE
13 UNIQUE CULTURAL QUALITIES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RURAL AND
14 SUBURBAN AREAS. IN THIS GOAL, RURAL IS DEFINED AS A WAY OF
15 LIFE CHARACTERIZED BY LIVING IN A LOW DENSITY ENVIRONMENT WITH
16 RESULTANT POSITIVE QUALITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO
17 FEWER PEOPLE, A NATURAL, PEACEFUL, QUIET SETTING, THE
18 ALLOWANCE FOR A SENSE OF SOLITUDE, UNHINDERED VIEWS OF THE
19 STARS AT NIGHT IN THE SKY AND EQUESTRIAN AND AGREGARIAN USES
20 THAT ARE SENSITIVE TO THE LAND. COUPLED WITH THESE POSITIVE
21 QUALITIES, RURAL AREAS CAN BE FURTHER DEFINED AS THOSE
22 UNENCUMBERED BY TYPICAL URBAN/SUBURBAN FACILITIES, INCLUDING
23 CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS, STREET LIGHTING, FORMAL MANICURED
24 LANDSCAPING, TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES
25 DEPENDENT UPON LARGE CONSUMER VOLUME SUCH AS SHOPPING CENTERS.



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1 THIS COMPLETELY DESCRIBES OLD AGOURA AND THE HESCHEL SCHOOL
2 COULD NOT BE MORE INCOMPATIBLE WITH OUR LOW DENSITY
3 ENVIRONMENT. AND I'LL LET IT GO AT THAT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN YOU MAKE SURE WE GET A COPY OF
6 THE ENTIRE...?

7

8 **JESS THOMAS:** I WILL HAND THEM ALL IN AND, AGAIN, I HAVE A VERY
9 DETAILED 10-PAGE DOCUMENT TO CONVINCE THE BOARD THAT THE
10 SCHOOL DOES NOT COMPLY WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S PLAN, WHICH
11 IS KNOWN AS THE NORTH AREA PLAN. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, JESS. TARA FARKASH IS
14 NEXT AND IF I COULD ASK FRANK ANGEL TO COME DOWN, HE'LL BE
15 NEXT IN LINE. TARA? TARA?

16

17 **TARA FARKASH:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS TARA
18 FARKASH. I LIVE AT 28442 DRIVER AVENUE IN OLD AGOURA, AGOURA
19 HILLS. FOR THE RECORD, I'VE LIVED IN AGOURA HILLS FOR
20 APPROXIMATELY 22 YEARS AND I'M A JEWISH EDUCATOR FOR THE PAST
21 20 OF THEM. I FIND MYSELF IN QUITE A PREDICAMENT BETWEEN MY
22 LANCEMENT AND MY HOME. AGOURA HAS SEEN MY THREE CHILDREN BORN
23 AND RAISED IN A COMMUNITY THAT IS QUITE UNIQUE. DIVERSITY AND
24 STRONG FAMILY VALUES ARE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN MY
25 NEIGHBORHOOD AND OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE AMONG THE FINEST IN



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1 THE NATION AND YET, AS AN EDUCATOR, I KNOW THAT THE CORE
2 VALUES OF LIFE AREN'T JUST SOMETHING THAT ARE TAUGHT AT SCHOOL
3 OR READ ABOUT IN A BOOK, IT'S LIVED, JUST LIKE WE DO IN OLD
4 AGOURA. IN FACT, IT'S FED AND NURTURED IN MY COMMUNITY. IT
5 ISN'T UNUSUAL FOR MY NEIGHBORS AND I TO OPEN UP OUR HOMES TO A
6 GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN 4-H TO TEACH THEM HOW TO COOK, RIDE A
7 HOUSE. AND, AS A NEIGHBORHOOD, WE PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY,
8 CHARITABLE EVENTS. PEOPLE YOUNG AND OLD PARTICIPATE IN
9 ACTIVITIES THAT ARE UNAVAILABLE IN OTHER COMMUNITIES, SUCH AS
10 HORSEBACK RIDING AND LIVESTOCK. AND YET WE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY
11 AMONG PEOPLE AND GENERATIONS AS WELL. MY CHILDREN ALL ATTENDED
12 A HABAD PRESCHOOL, THEN A HEBREW SCHOOL AND HEBREW HIGH.
13 EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM THAT KNOWS ME KNOWS THAT I HOLD JEWISH
14 VALUES AND EDUCATION NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART. THERE IS NO
15 QUESTION THAT THE HESCHEL SCHOOL DOES PROVIDE A GOOD EDUCATION
16 WITH CARING TEACHERS AND COMMITTED FAMILIES WITH THEIR
17 CHILDREN'S BEST INTERESTS AT HEART. WE ALL KNOW THAT BUT THIS
18 IS ABOUT LOCATION AND WHO WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THE BEST
19 INTENTIONS. HESCHEL IS NOT UNIQUE IN WANTING A JEWISH DAY
20 SCHOOL IN AGOURA. WE HAVE SEVERAL JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS IN AND
21 AROUND AGOURA HILLS ALREADY. KADIMA HEBREW ACADEMY IN WOODLAND
22 HILLS IS 9.4 MILES AWAY, SO CLOSE THAT HESCHEL HAS FORMED A
23 NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH KADIMA AND HAS SAID THAT, WHEN THEY
24 BUILD THE NEW HESCHEL COMPLEX, THAT THEY WILL ALL HAVE THE
25 STUDENTS FROM KADIMA TO COME TO HESCHEL. THAT DOESN'T SOUND



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1 LIKE A NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL TO ME. THAT WAS ADVERTISED IN THE
2 ACORN NEWSPAPER JANUARY 11TH. WE ALSO HAVE A KINAO JEWISH DAY
3 SCHOOL IN AGOURA TWO MILES AWAY, WEST VALLEY HEBREW SCHOOL,
4 8.9 MILES AWAY, JUST TO NAME A FEW. ALL THE MILEAGE WAS TAKEN
5 FROM MY HOME IN OLD AGOURA FROM MAP QUEST. I CHOSE TO SPEAK TO
6 YOU TODAY AND THE HESCHEL FAMILIES, OF WHOM I'VE EVEN TAUGHT
7 SOME OF THEIR CHILDREN. I WANTED TO GIVE A FACE TO THE
8 SITUATION. I WANT THEM TO KNOW WHO WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE
9 DECISION. I WANT THEM TO SEE AND PERHAPS REALIZE THAT, WHEN
10 THEY TEAR DOWN THE MOUNTAINS AND DESTROY THE NATURAL BEAUTY
11 THAT WAS GOD'S GIFT TO US, THAT THERE'S NO GOING BACK. IF THEY
12 GET THEIR APPROVAL TO BUILD A COMPLEX OF 160,000 PLUS SQUARE
13 FEET AT THE CHESEBORO SITE, IT WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON SOMEONE
14 THAT THEY KNOW, SOMEONE THAT THEY'LL SEE IN SOCIAL CIRCLES. I
15 WILL BE ONE OF THE FAMILIES THAT WILL PUT AT RISK WHEN THE
16 WILDFIRES COME THROUGH AND I HAVE TO EVACUATE MY NEIGHBORHOOD
17 BECAUSE IT'S BLOCKED ON BOTH SIDES FROM SCHOOLS. AGOURA HIGH
18 IN SESSION NOW, I CAN'T DRIVE DOWN THE STREET. I SCHEDULE MY
19 DAILY DRIVING ROUTINES DOWN THE STREET ACCORDING TO THEIR TIME
20 SCHEDULE.

21
22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO WRAP IT UP
23 IF YOU COULD.



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1 **TARA FARKASH:** YEAH, I WILL. THE NORTH AREA PLAN, A WELL
2 THOUGHT OUT, CONSIDERATE PLAN, IS THERE TO PROTECT THE BEAUTY
3 OF THE MOUNTAINS AND THE SEMI RURAL NEIGHBORHOOD. WHAT
4 HAPPENED TO THAT PLAN? WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE ENFORCING THAT?
5 WHO IS OVERSEEING IT? THERE'S TOO MANY VIOLATIONS. I WANT TO
6 FINISH UP OVER HERE WITH SOMETHING THAT WAS WRITTEN IN THE
7 ACORN ABOUT HESCHEL AND ONE OF THEIR GOALS AND THEIR
8 CURRICULUM IS [LATIN] WHICH IS HEALING THE WORLD. HOW CAN
9 THEY SAY THAT WHEN THEY WANT TO TEAR DOWN THE MOUNTAINS AND
10 BUILD A SCHOOL IN THE BACK TAXES OF OTHERS? IF THIS SCHOOL IS
11 TRULY ABOUT THE KIDS, THEN PUT DOWN THE EGOS AND TOGETHER
12 CREATE THE LEGACY OF AN ULTIMATE HESCHEL SCHOOL ON AN
13 ALTERNATIVE SITE THAT IS PROPER WITH THE LEAST AMOUNT OF
14 IMPACT TO OTHERS AND KEEP THE NORTH AREA PLAN AS IS WRITTEN.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU. MR.
17 LEVINE, YOU'RE NEXT. STEVE AFRIAT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO NOW HOLD EVERYONE TO
20 THE 90 SECONDS. I JUST-- I DON'T WANT TO SOUND RUDE BUT
21 OTHERWISE THIS IS GOING TO GET OUT OF CONTROL SO I APOLOGIZE
22 BUT-- GO ON.

23

24 **DARYL LEVINE:** AND IT ALWAYS HAPPENS TO ME BUT THAT'S OKAY. I'M
25 DARYL LEVINE AND I'VE LIVED IN AGOURA FOR 26 YEARS AND I'VE



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1 LIVED THROUGH THE FIRES IN AGOURA AND AM CONCERNED, IF A
2 SCHOOL IS ALLOWED TO BE BUILT ON THIS PROPOSED SITE, THE
3 SAFETY OF MY FAMILY WILL BECOME SECONDARY TO THE STUDENTS OF
4 THE SCHOOL AND OUR LIVESTOCK WILL NEVER BE RESCUED IN TIME.
5 THE LAST FIRE WE HAD IN 2005, WE HAD TO EVACUATE IN THE MIDDLE
6 OF THE NIGHT AND THE EVACUATION TOOK HOURS TO THE LIVESTOCK IN
7 THE AREA. THAT FIRE HAD BEEN BURNING THE WHOLE DAY AND, AT
8 THAT TIME, THE DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT, HAD A GOOD HANDLE,
9 INCLUDING GPS. A FIRE IN THE FIRST FIVE TO SIX HOURS IS
10 COMPLETELY UNPREDICTABLE UNTIL ALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS
11 RESOURCES IN PLACE. HAD THE FIRE BEGUN AND IT WAS DURING
12 SCHOOL HOURS, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN CATASTROPHIC. IT ALSO BURNED
13 DIRECTLY DOWN THE PATH TO WHERE THE SCHOOL IS TO BE BUILT AND
14 THE REASON IS THE SITE OF THE SCHOOL IS IN THE FIRE CORRIDOR.
15 MY HOUSE COULD NOT BE INSURED BY MOST LARGE INSURANCE CARRIERS
16 DUE TO BEING IN A CLASS 4 AREA. AND THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE
17 FIRE DANGER ZONE BY EXPERTS. THE PROPOSED SCHOOL WOULD BE IN
18 THAT CLASS 4 ZONE. THE BUILDING CODES AND ZONING CODES ARE
19 SPECIFICALLY FOR WORST-CASE SCENARIOS AND THIS SITE IS NOT
20 ZONED FOR A PROJECT THIS SIZE. WHEN I BOUGHT HORSES FOR MY
21 WIFE, WHICH WAS AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGMENT, WE WERE REQUIRED
22 TO MOVE FROM FOUNTAINWOOD AREA OF TO OLD AGOURA BECAUSE IT IS
23 ZONED FOR THAT USE. IF ONLY I KNEW THAT THE ZONING LAWS REALLY
24 DIDN'T MATTER, I COULD HAVE KEPT MY HORSES IN FOUNTAINWOOD AND
25 REALLY IRRITATE MY OLD NEIGHBORS. WHEN THE NEXT FIRE HITS, AND



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1 IT WILL, YOU ARE PUTTING THE EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD AT GREAT
2 PERIL DUE TO THE POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT IN THE
3 WRONG AREA. THIS IS NOT A QUESTION OF THE COMMUNITY BEING
4 AGAINST A RELIGIOUS SCHOOL. I AM JEWISH AND WENT TO A
5 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SCHOOL.
6 THIS IS OUR HOME AND WE WANT OUR SAFETY PROTECTED. DECIDING
7 THE FATE OF A PROJECT LIKE THIS IS DIFFICULT AT BEST AND HOW
8 DOES ONE JUDGE BEING POLITICALLY CORRECT IN DECIDING THE FATE
9 OF A PROPOSED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL? BUT BEING POLITICALLY CORRECT
10 IN THIS CASE IS DEFINITELY NOT TO ALLOW HESCHEL TO BUILD
11 BECAUSE, GOD FORBID, SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN, THE QUESTION
12 WOULD BE WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND ALLOWED A SCHOOL TO BE BUILT
13 IN A CLASS FOUR FIRE AREA? WHAT WERE THEY THINKING? WHY WOULD
14 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAVE ALLOWED SUCH PLAN? LIKE THE FIRE
15 LAST NIGHT IN THOUSAND OAKS...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO
18 FINISH THAT SENTENCE.

19

20 **DARYL LEVINE:** ... YOU CANNOT OUT GUESS-- AND THIS IS A RURAL
21 AREA WITH DEEP BRUSH AND UNPREDICTABLE WINDS. THE FIRE SPREAD,
22 TO USE THE TERM, LIKE WILDFIRES, AND THIS IS CREATING A
23 NIGHTMARE FOR OUR ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD...

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. LEVINE. I'M SORRY.

2 I THINK WE GOT THE POINT. MR. TOM SLOSSON COME DOWN. ROBERT
3 EVREN.

4

5 **ROBERT EVREN:** YES. AT THE RISK OF A LITTLE OVERLAP OF DARYL
6 LEVINE, SPEAKING AS A CITIZEN, I HOPE THIS ISN'T TOO
7 REPETITIOUS. THE MOST RECENT FIRE EVACUATION IN OLD AGOURA
8 OCCURRED UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS, A DAY TO WATCH IT DEVELOP AND
9 AN EVACUATION AT 2:00 A.M. WHEN SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES ARE
10 CLOSED. EVEN AT THIS HOUR, CHESEBORO WAS VERY BUSY WITH CARS,
11 TRUCKS, HORSE TRAILERS AND PEOPLE WALKING LIVESTOCK. IT COULD
12 AS EASILY HAVE BEEN A WILDFIRE WITH LITTLE LEAD TIME, 50 MILE
13 AN HOUR WINDS AND ALL SCHOOLS IN SESSION. WITH A STUDENT BODY
14 NUMBERING OVER 2,000, THE EVACUATION OF AGOURA HIGH WOULD
15 CREATE A MAJOR TRAFFIC JAM AS IT DOES TWICE A DAY NOW. FOR THE
16 400 HOUSEHOLDS, MANY WITH LIVESTOCK AND TRAILERS, THE ONLY WAY
17 OUT WILL BE TO DRIVER AVENUE, A NARROW, MEANDERING TWO LANE
18 ROAD AND THE CHESEBORO FREEWAY INTERCHANGE. FIRST, THE
19 F.E.I.R. DOES NOT PROVIDE ANYTHING OTHER THAN WHAT WE WOULD
20 CALL A PAPER MITIGATION AND ITS PROVISION FOR THIS SCHOOL TO
21 SHELTER-IN-PLACE. A PAPER MITIGATION, BECAUSE, AS IS THE CASE
22 WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE ATTEMPTED SHELTER-IN-PLACE,
23 IT IS UNENFORCEABLE, NOT TO MENTION CONTRARY TO HUMAN NATURE.
24 THE F.E.I.R. NEVER EVEN ACKNOWLEDGES THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME
25 PARENTS WILL IGNORE THE POLICY AND RUSH TO THE RESCUE. (2) THE



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1 ULTIMATE FIRE ROUTE DESCRIBED BY THE F.E.I.R. IS NOT AN
2 ALTERNATE ROUTE AT ALL. IT IS MERELY A PATH THROUGH THE CAMPUS
3 TO THE VERY SAME INTERSECTION EVERYBODY ELSE WILL HAVE TO
4 NEGOTIATE. IT CAN ACTUALLY EXACERBATE AN ALREADY DANGEROUS
5 SITUATION BY FEEDING MORE CROSS TRAFFIC INTO AN ESCAPE ROUTE.

6 (3) THE F.E.I.R. DEALS WITH FIRE EVACUATION ONLY AS IT
7 CONCERNS THE SAFETY OF THE PROPOSED SCHOOL STUDENTS AND
8 ARTIFICIALLY SEPARATES IT FROM THE TRAFFIC ISSUE, THUS THE
9 IMPACT ON OLD AGOURA CAN BE DEALT WITH IN ONLY FIVE LINES IN
10 28 PAGES. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
11 BELIEVE THE ISSUE TO BE REAL. IT EACH BELIEVES IT BELONGS TO
12 THE OTHER. IT IS NOW UP TO THIS BOARD TO FORCE AN OPEN AND
13 PUBLIC ANALYSIS OF THIS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. ANGEL, YOU'LL BE
16 NEXT. LET ME CALL UP NOLAN BERKHOLDER. MR. ANGEL.

17

18 **FRANK P. ANGEL:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR. MY NAME IS FRANK
19 ANGEL AND I REPRESENT THE OLD AGOURA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AS
20 THEIR LEGAL COUNSEL. I'M NOT GOING TO BORE THE BOARD THIS
21 MORNING WITH THE MASSIVE RECORD OF ISSUES ON THE INADEQUACIES
22 OF THE E.I.R. SOME OF THEM ARE TOTAL OMISSIONS AND I'LL GIVE
23 JUST ONE EXAMPLE. THE ANALYSIS THAT IS REQUIRED UNDER THE
24 C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES OF THE CONSISTENCY OF APPLICABLE REGIONAL
25 PLANS, THERE ARE REGIONAL PLANS THAT ARE COMPLETELY IGNORED.



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1 THERE'S ALSO A VERY IMPORTANT POLICY IN THE NORTH AREA PLAN
2 THAT IS BEING IGNORED AND THAT IS THE POLICY THAT IMPACTS IN
3 THE NORTH AREA PLAN AREA SHOULD BE MITIGATED, BASED ON THE
4 STANDARDS AND CRITERIA OF THE NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS, IN
5 THIS CASE, AGOURA HILLS. AGOURA HILLS HAS BEEN COMPLETELY
6 IGNORED BECAUSE THERE IS NO ANALYSIS FOR CONSISTENCY OF THE
7 AGOURA HILLS GENERAL PLAN AND OF THEIR POLICIES AS THEY
8 SPECIFICALLY RELATE TO THE OLD AGOURA AREA. THERE'S OTHER
9 ISSUES, ONE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO RAISE ALSO IS THE
10 DEFICIENCIES IN THE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS AND THIS IS VERY
11 IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT SEEMS VERY CLEAR THAT THE CONSTRAINTS, AS
12 THERE NOW, THIS PROJECT CANNOT BE APPROVED BECAUSE IT HAS NOT
13 BEEN MITIGATED TRAFFIC-WISE AT ITS CURRENT INTENSITY OF USE.
14 AND SO THERE HAS TO BE A FALLBACK ON THE ALTERNATIVES AND YET
15 NOW THE INTERIM SOLUTION THAT BECOMES AN ALTERNATIVE HAS NOT
16 BEEN DISCUSSED AND ITS REJECTION IN THE E.I.R. HAS NOT BEEN
17 JUSTIFIED. ITS REJECTION IN THE E.I.R. IS THAT IT DOESN'T MEET
18 SOCIAL OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT. YOU HAVE TO PROVE THESE
19 OBJECTIVES AND YOU HAVE TO EXPLAIN THEM VERY CLEARLY BEFORE
20 YOU REJECT IT, SO WE'RE BACK, IN A WAY, TO 2003 WHEN I THINK
21 IT WAS THE PLANNING COMMISSIONER FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT
22 RAISED A QUESTION, WHAT IS YOUR INTERIM PROJECT? YOUR INTERIM
23 PROJECT MAY BECOME PERMANENT. AND YOU HEARD IT NOW AGAIN. I
24 THINK WHAT IS REQUIRED HERE IS A DEFINITION OF THE LEVEL OF
25 INTENSITY OF USE OF THE INTERIM PROJECT, OF ITS IMPACTS, ITS



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1 DESCRIPTION AND THE TRAFFIC SOLUTION THAT IT REQUIRES. IF THAT
2 DOESN'T REQUIRE THE TWO-LANE ROUNDABOUT AND IF THAT ALLOWS THE
3 SIGNALIZATION, WE STILL NEED TO HEAR FROM CALTRANS TO COMMENTS
4 WHETHER CALTRANS WOULD ACCEPT THAT FROM YOUR PUBLIC WORKS
5 DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE YOUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOU WOULD AGREE THAT, IF
8 THERE IS AN INTERIM PLAN, THAT AN ANALYSIS NEEDS TO BE DONE ON
9 THE IMPACTS OF THAT PLAN, CORRECT?

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11 **FRANK P. ANGEL:** THAT IS CORRECT.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

14

15 **FRANK P. ANGEL:** AND CERTAINLY MOST IMPORTANTLY...

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE, BEFORE THE BOARD WOULD
18 FIND...

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20 **FRANK P. ANGEL:** ...OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE OF A CONCERN TO THE
21 COMMUNITY, THE FIRE HAZARD AND THE TRAFFIC IMPACTS AND HOW--
22 BECAUSE THOSE TWO PLAY VERY CLOSELY TOGETHER. IN FACT, TEN
23 YEARS AGO...

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** FRANK, I'M NOT GOING TO-- I JUST
2 WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO
3 APPROACH-- TO MODIFY THE APPLICATION-- THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST
4 WITH SOMETHING IN BETWEEN WHAT'S THERE NOW AND WHAT THE
5 APPLICANT HAS ASKED FOR, AN ANALYSIS, A LEGALLY ADEQUATE
6 ANALYSIS NEEDS TO BE DONE ON THAT ALTERNATIVE, CORRECT?

7

8 **FRANK P. ANGEL:** I AGREE, YES, AND IT WOULD AT THE MINIMUM HAVE
9 TO BE AN ADDENDUM TO THE E.I.R. IF THE IMPACTS ARE GOING TO BE
10 IN ALL REGARDS...

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNDERSTOOD. UNDERSTOOD. I WOULD
13 EXPECT THAT IF THAT'S THE DIRECTION THE BOARD WOULD GO IN,
14 THAT THE BOARD WOULD COMPLY WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
15 QUALITY ACT. I THINK YOU MAKE A GOOD POINT.

16

17 **FRANK P. ANGEL:** AND, BY THE WAY, SUPERVISOR, IN THAT REGARD,
18 RLUPA DOES NOT AT ALL STAND IN THE WAY. THE NINTH CIRCUIT HAS
19 MADE THAT VERY CLEAR THAT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW IS NOT
20 SOMETHING THAT IS IMPINGED UPON IN ANY WAY BY THE RLUPA.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S NOT GET INTO THAT. WELL,
23 TELL THAT TO MY NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE WE'VE HAD SOME ISSUES BUT
24 THAT'S ANOTHER STORY. I WISH THAT WAS TRUE.

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1 **FRANK P. ANGEL:** ACTUAL PLANNING ZONING DECISIONS, YES, BUT NOT
2 WHEN IT COMES TO ENVIRONMENTAL DISCLOSURE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THAT'S TRUE. ALL RIGHT.
5 NEXT, MR. AFRIAT. THANK YOU, FRANK, AND IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT
6 ANY OF YOUR WRITTEN, MR. ANGEL, IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT ANY OF
7 YOUR WRITTEN DOCUMENT-- YOU ALREADY HAVE BUT, IF THERE'S
8 ANYTHING ADDITIONAL, PLEASE DO. ALL RIGHT. MR. AFRIAT.

9

10 **STEVE AFRIAT:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS, I'M STEPHEN AFRIAT
11 REPRESENTING THE OLD AGOURA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. LET ME
12 JUST SAY THAT WE'RE VERY CLEAR THAT THE LIKELIHOOD OF A SCHOOL
13 BEING CITED HERE IS LIKELY AND IT'S OUR INTENT, WHILE WE
14 QUESTION THE WISDOM OF THIS SITE SELECTION ON THE PART OF
15 HESCHEL, WE RECOGNIZE THAT SOMETHING IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN HERE.
16 MY NIECE AND NEPHEW WENT TO HESCHEL IN NORTHRIDGE AND I'M A
17 FORMER SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER SO WE ARE NOT OPPOSED TO
18 LOCATING SCHOOLS IN OLD AGOURA AND, IN FACT, OLD AGOURA HAS A
19 GREATER IMPACT OF SCHOOLS THAN PROBABLY ANY OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD
20 IN THE LOS VIRGENES VALLEY. WHAT WE DO WANT MAKE CERTAIN IS
21 THAT, AS THIS CONTINUES TO MOVE IN A FORWARD DIRECTION, IF
22 THAT'S THE DECISION OF THIS BOARD, THAT PROPER AND EFFECTIVE
23 MITIGATIONS ARE PUT IN PLACE TEMPORARILY AND PERMANENTLY. IT
24 IS OUR HOPE THAT, IF THE SCHOOL HAS THRESHOLDS FOR GROWTH,
25 THAT IT ALSO HAS THRESHOLDS FOR MEASURING IMPACTS. AS A RESULT



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1 OF THAT, WE WOULD URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONSIDER
2 HAVING A DIRECTOR'S REVIEW AT CERTAIN THRESHOLDS WHERE THE
3 DIRECTOR CAN REVIEW UNANTICIPATED IMPACTS AND IMPOSE
4 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS AS REQUIRED. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD HOPE
5 THAT THERE WOULD BE ONGOING MITIGATION MONITORING DURING THE
6 FIRST FEW YEARS TO MAKE SURE THAT OTHER IMPACTS SUCH AS A
7 REQUIREMENT FOR CAR POOLING, THE REQUIREMENT FOR RIDE SHARING
8 ON THE PART OF EMPLOYEES, NOISE MITIGATIONS ARE BEING
9 APPROPRIATELY FOLLOWED. WE WOULD URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
10 THIS MORNING TO TAKE THIS UNDER SUBMISSION, GIVE US TIME FOR
11 ALL PARTIES TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER WITH THE BOARD OFFICE AND
12 ATTEMPT TO WORK THROUGH THESE ISSUES SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A
13 SOLUTION THAT WILL WORK FOR ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING
14 THIS VERY PRECIOUS AND UNIQUE NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU VERY
15 MUCH, SUPERVISORS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MR. AFRIAT.
18 MR. SLOSSON?

19

20 **THOM SLOSSON:** YES, I HAVE A QUESTION BEFORE TIME STARTS, REAL
21 QUICK. MY UNDERSTANDING IS SOMETHING ABOUT SINCE I'M
22 REPRESENTING SOS, SAVE OPEN SPACE, THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A
23 LONGER TIME FOR MY PRESENTATION?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO. I TOLD MY STAFF-- I'M NOT
2 GOING TO DEDUCT YOUR TIME SO JUST DON'T START HIS TIME YET.
3 BUT JUST SO YOU'RE CLEAR, I WAS PREPARED TO-- I WAS REQUESTED
4 TO GIVE MS. WIESBROCK AND SOS, WHO WAS ONE OF THE APPELLANTS,
5 10 MINUTES. I SAID I WOULD IF HE WOULD TAKE FOUR OF THE PEOPLE
6 OUT OF THE LIST OF PEOPLE AND IF THEY WOULD DEDICATE THEIR
7 TIME TO YOU. I AM NOT GOING TO GIVE EVERY APPELLANT 10
8 MINUTES. THAT'S JUST NOT-- YOU KNOW, THE CITY IS THE CITY AND
9 THE APPLICANT IS THE APPLICANT. I DON'T THINK WE'RE HAVING A
10 DEARTH OF TESTIMONY ON THE SUBJECT, SO I'M WILLING TO WORK
11 WITH YOU, IF YOU CAN DO THAT, BUT I UNDERSTAND YOU DECLINED TO
12 DO THAT, SO I'M JUST GOING TO-- WE'RE GOING TO JUST GO AHEAD
13 WITH IT THE WAY IT IS. SO, MR. SLOSSON, YOU'RE ON FOR 90
14 SECONDS.

15

16 **THOM SLOSSON:** THANK YOU, SIR. FIRST OFF, I'M A STATE OF
17 CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST AND CERTIFIED ENGINEERING
18 GEOLOGIST. MY MAIN CONCERN IN THIS HAS BEEN MORE WITH THE
19 LANDFILL AND THE GEOLOGIC STUDY THAT'S BEEN DONE SO FAR. MY
20 CONCERNS ARE WITH THE SMALL CHILDREN, WHO ARE USUALLY MORE
21 SUSCEPTIBLE TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND THERE'S A NEED TO
22 FURTHER EVALUATE AND TEST THE SITE AS FAR AS THE HAZARDOUS AND
23 GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS. I'VE HANDED OUT COPIES OF MAPS THAT
24 SHOULD BE UP THERE FOR EVERYBODY. THE VERY FIRST MAP BASICALLY
25 SHOWS THE LINED AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN IN PLACE SINCE 1983 OR



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1 '4, I THINK, AND THE NEXT MAP BASICALLY IS AN AREA WHERE, IN
2 THE '70S, THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WERE PLACED, INCLUDING
3 CYANIDE, ACIDS, PESTICIDES AND OTHER BARRELS OF MATERIALS,
4 TOO, THAT CAME FROM ROCKETDYNE AS WELL AS OTHER SITES. THE
5 THIRD MAP, IF YOU WILL LOOK AT IT, IS BASICALLY WHERE THOSE
6 HAZARDOUS WASTES, WHERE THEY WERE BASICALLY PUMPING DOWN INTO
7 DRY WELLS INTO THE LANDFILL AND THE BEDROCK MATERIAL BELOW,
8 WHERE THOSE ARE LOCATED IN IN RELATIONSHIP TO WHERE THE LINED
9 AREAS ARE AND ALSO IN RELATIONSHIP TO WHERE THE SITE IS OFF-
10 SITE AND TO THE WEST, TO THE SOUTH. AND THE NEXT MAP BASICALLY
11 SHOWS WHERE THAT IS IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE EDGE OF THE
12 LANDFILL AND THEN THERE'S ONE THAT SHOWS THE SITE ITSELF AND
13 AGAIN HOW IT'S LAID OUT. THE NEXT MAP, IF YOU LOOK AT IT, IS
14 THE STATE SEISMIC HAZARD ZONE MAP IN GENERAL, FOR THE AREA,
15 THE CALABASAS QUADRANGLE. THE LAST MAP IN HERE IS FOR THE
16 LIQUEFACTION AND LANDSLIDE HAZARDS FOR THAT PARTICULAR AREA
17 ALONG CHESEBORO ROAD AND PRIMARILY THE AREA THAT'S IN GREEN IS
18 THE AREA THAT THE SCHOOL IS SUBJECT TO. IT WAS NOT REALLY
19 DISCUSSED IN THE E.I.R. REPORT BUT IT'S CLEARLY ON THE STATE
20 MAP AND THE FACT THAT ALL THE FRACTURING AND SHEARING THAT HAS
21 GONE ON, INCLUDING THE FAULTING FROM '94 WHEN I SAW OFFSETS IN
22 THE LOS VERGES WATER DISTRICT PARKING LOT AND OTHER AREAS
23 ALONG HERE COULD HAVE CRACKED THE THING AND A LOT OF THIS
24 WATER COULD BE MOVING UNDERNEATH THE BARRIERS AND IN THE
25 BEDROCK BECAUSE EVEN ON SITE WHERE THE GROUNDWATER WAS FOUND



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1 WAS NOT IN THE ALLUVIUM, WHICH THE BARRIERS ARE SET FOR, BUT
2 WITHIN THE BEDROCK AND THE LOGS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. APPRECIATE THE MAPS,
5 TOO. THEY'RE HELPFUL, MISS WIESBROCK. HANG ON A SECOND, MARY.
6 LET ME CALL THE-- I'M SORRY. NOLAN BERKHOLDER, MARY HUBBARD,
7 YOU'LL BE THE NEXT TWO AFTER MISS WIESBROCK. GO AHEAD.

8

9 **MARY E. WIESBROCK:** THANK YOU, LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS, FOR STANDING FIRM IN SAVING THE AHMANSON RANCH. [
11 SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID.

14

15 **MARY E. WIESBROCK:** THE FACT SHEET GIVEN TO YOU FOR THIS
16 HEARING IS INACCURATE. IT LEADS YOU TO BELIEVE THAT THE STUDY
17 AREA HAD A HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT. IT DID NOT. I'VE TURNED IN
18 SEVERAL MAPS, A MAP THAT WERE FAXED IT ME THIS MORNING FROM
19 REGIONAL SHOWING THE STUDY AREA IS NOT THE SAME AS WHERE
20 THEY'RE PUTTING HUNDREDS OF SMALL SCHOOL CHILDREN, INCLUDING
21 PRESCHOOLERS, AND I QUESTIONED WHY THIS STAFF, THIS PRESENT
22 STAFF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DID NOT REQUIRE A HEALTH RISK
23 ASSESSMENT, WHEN AN EARLIER STUDY DONE YEARS AGO SHOWED TOXIC
24 LEVELS OF SOIL GAS, TOLUENE, BENZENE, V.O.C.S AND A LOT OF
25 THESE THINGS WERE FROM-- THEY MATCH WHAT ROCKETDYNE WASTE ARE.



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1 NOW, YOUR STAFF HAS ASSURED YOU THAT ROCKEDYNE SENT NO WASTE
2 THERE, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO UNCOVER, NOT FROM BOEING ROCKETDYNE
3 BUT FROM REGIONAL SAND, PRINTOUTS OF ALL THE ROCKETDYNE WASTES
4 THAT HAVE COME TO THE CALABASAS LANDFILL. OIL, MUDDY WATER,
5 WHICH WAS PROBABLY THE SLUDGE PONDS, THEY DID NOT, YOUR STAFF
6 SAID THEY TESTED FOR RADIOACTIVITY. THEY DID NOT TEST THESE
7 WASTES FOR RADIOACTIVITY. ONLY IN THE 1970S. WE'RE STILL
8 MISSING THE 1960S WASTE. TANK BOTTOM SEDIMENT, ALKALINE,
9 ACIDS, CYANIDES AND TOXIC OILS. THE EARLIER STUDY SHOWED OIL
10 ON THE SITE. THE EARLIER STUDIES SHOWS LIGHT HYDROCARBONS ON
11 THE SITE. THE EARLIER STUDY SHOWED THAT THERE'S A PROBLEM
12 HERE, YOU HAVE TO REQUIRE A HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THIS
13 PROPERTY. YOU WILL BE LIABLE IF ANY OF THESE SMALL SENSITIVE
14 RECEPTORS IN CROWDED CLASSROOMS ARE SUBJECT TO TOXIC SOIL
15 GASSES. TOM SLOSSON HAS PUT INTO THE RECORD HOW DEEP
16 GROUNDWATER FLOWS ARE NOT CONTAINED IN THE LANDFILL. THAT'S
17 WHY THEY CLOSED DOWN THE CLASS ONE PART. THEY HAD TO CLOSE IT
18 BECAUSE IT WAS PERMEABLE. THE BEDROCK HAS FRACTURES AND
19 FISSURES. THE DEEP GROUNDWATER FLOWS UNDER THIS SITE AS THE
20 LANDFILL SITE AND I PUT THAT INTO THE RECORD FROM A REPORT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. IF THERE'S
23 ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO PUT INTO THE RECORD IN WRITING, MY
24 INTENT IS THAT WE'LL KEEP THE RECORD OPEN SO THAT YOU'LL BE



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1 ABLE TO DO THAT. APPRECIATE IT, MARY. NOLAN BERKHOLDER. ARE
2 YOU NOLAN?

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4 **NOLAN BERKHOLDER:** YEAH.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. HANG ON ONE SECOND, NOLAN.
7 MARY HUBBARD, ARE YOU HERE? NOT HERE.

8

9 **NOLAN BERKHOLDER:** SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE. SHE HAD TO PARK THE
10 CAR.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WELL, WE'LL GET HER WHEN SHE
13 COMES BACK. RON TRONCATTY. COME ON DOWN. NINO DEFRANCO. AND
14 MARY, WELL, WE JUST HEARD FROM MARY. JAMES D. WRIGLEY. ALL
15 RIGHT. NOLAN, YOU'RE ON.

16

17 **NOLAN BERKHOLDER:** DO I NEED TO STATE MY NAME?

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, YOU SHOULD FOR THE RECORD.

20

21 **NOLAN BERKHOLDER:** NOLAN BERKHOLDER. THE PROPOSED HESCHEL
22 DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS THE QUALITY ENVIRONMENT THAT SERVES AS A
23 SIGNIFICANT AND FRAGILE WILDLIFE AREA FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.
24 THE OPEN SPACE THAT WOULD BE REPLACED BY THIS DENSE URBAN
25 PROJECT IS ENTIRELY WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAIN ZONE. THE



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1 STATE LEGISLATURE HAS RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING
2 THIS AREA AND MANDATES PROTECTION OF IT IN SECTION 33001 OF
3 THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE. "THE LEGISLATURE HEREBY FINDS AND
4 DECLARES THAT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS ZONE, AS DEFINED IN
5 SECTION 33104, IS A UNIQUE AND VALUABLE ECONOMIC,
6 ENVIRONMENTAL, AGRICULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL AND
7 RECREATIONAL RESOURCE WHICH SHOULD BE HELD IN TRUST FOR
8 PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS THAT IS THE LAST LARGE
9 UNDEVELOPED AREA CONTIGUOUS TO THE SHORELINE WITHIN THE
10 GREATER LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN REGION COMPRISED OF LOS
11 ANGELES AND VENTURA COUNTIES. IT PROVIDES ESSENTIAL RELIEF
12 FROM THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT AND THAT IT EXISTS AS A SINGLE
13 ECOSYSTEM IN WHICH CHANGES THAT AFFECT ONE PART MAY ALSO
14 AFFECT ALL OTHER PARTS. THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF
15 THIS RESOURCE IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST." WHILE WE SUPPORT
16 HESCHEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST, THIS PARTICULAR LOCATION IS NOT THE
17 RIGHT PLACE FOR IT. PLUNKING A HUGE URBAN SCHOOL SITE INTO
18 THIS SPOT COMPROMISES THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN THE LAND ALL
19 AROUND IT. INDEED, THE FLAT PORTION SLATED FOR DEVELOPMENT IS
20 THE PART MOST CRITICAL TO THE REGIONAL WILDLIFE HABITAT
21 LINKAGE IN THE LIBERTY CANYON WILDLIFE CORRIDOR. THAT'S THE
22 AMOUNT OF TIME.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD. DO YOU WANT TO FINISH?
25 I'LL LET YOU FINISH?



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2 **NOLAN BERKHOLDER:** NO, I'M OKAY.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ARE YOU DONE?

5

6 **NOLAN BERKHOLDER:** YEAH.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IS OLIVIA STILL HERE?

9 PUT OLIVIA AND NOLAN IN THE ROOM AND LET THEM WORK THIS WHOLE

10 THING OUT AND GET RID OF THE LAWYERS AND THE LOBBYISTS. [

11 LAUGHTER] I THINK THEY COULD WORK IT OUT OVER LUNCH. THANK

12 YOU. THAT WAS A VERY GOOD PRESENTATION, NOLAN. THANK YOU VERY

13 MUCH. RON TRONCATTY.

14

15 **RON TRONCATTY:** HONORABLE CHAIRMAN, BOARD MEMBERS, MY NAME IS

16 RON TRONCATTY. I RESIDE AT 5312 CHESEBORO ROAD IN OLD AGOURA

17 AND I'M A VERY PROUD OLD AGOURA RANGER. WE REPRESENT 500

18 HORSES IN THE AREA. IN THE PAST 30 YEARS, I'VE DEDICATED

19 MYSELF TO THE PRESERVATION OF OLD AGOURA. I HAVE NEVER SEEN A

20 PROPOSED PROJECT SO UNSUITED TO A PROPOSED SITE. OLD AGOURA IS

21 UNLIKE AND UNDUPLICATED IN LIFESTYLE EXPERIENCE. WHERE ELSE IN

22 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN YOU FIND BLUE RIBBON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND

23 CHILDREN ATTENDING THEM HAVING HORSES AND RAISING FARM

24 ANIMALS? ON THE OTHER HAND, I FEAR THE LESSONS THE CHILDREN

25 WILL LEARN ATTENDING THE PROPOSED SCHOOL IF ALLOWED TO BE



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1 BUILT ON THIS SITE. IT WILL HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON THEIR
2 PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY AS THEY REACH ADULthood. THEY WILL
3 LEARN THAT BULLYING WILL LEAD THEM TO SUCCESS IN LIFE. THEY
4 WILL LEARN TO BE SEPARATISTS AND THAT THEIR COMMUNITY'S
5 CONCERN FOR PROTECTIONISM FAR OUTWEIGH THOSE OF ANY OTHER
6 COMMUNITY'S CONCERNS FOR THEIR OWN PROTECTIONISM. THEY WILL
7 LEARN TO RATIONALIZE ANY ARGUMENT AT ALL, NO MATTER HOW
8 BIZARRE, AND THAT REAL MATTERS, REAL NUMBERS MATTER LITTLE.
9 THEY WILL LEARN THAT A COMPROMISE IS SOMETHING ONLY THEY ALONE
10 CAN DEFINE. THEY WILL LEARN MR. AND MRS. KITEHAWK WILL SIMPLY
11 HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER PLACE TO NEST AND HUNT IN THE SPRING AND
12 THE SUMMER. WHAT I AM REALLY MOST UPSET WITH TODAY AT THIS
13 HEARING IS I HAD PROPOSED A REAL SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM, A
14 TRADE PROPOSAL THAT EVERYONE WHO LEARNED OF IT THOUGHT IT WAS
15 THE MOST PRACTICAL FOR ALL PARTIES INVOLVED AND ACTUALLY
16 BENEFITED ALL PARTIES INVOLVED AS WELL AS THE CIRCULATION
17 ELEMENT. WAS SQUELCHED BECAUSE OF THE OMNIPOTENT POWER OF ONE
18 MAN, JOE EDMUNDSTON. HOW, IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, DOES ONE
19 PERSON GARNER SO MUCH POWER? HOW CAN ANY RATIONAL HUMAN BEING
20 LOOK AT THIS TRADE PROPOSAL, EXCEPT FOR MR. EDMUNDSTON, AND
21 NOT SEE ITS INCREDIBLE BENEFITS? TRADING 25 ACRES FOR 71, THE
22 INFRASTRUCTURE IS ALREADY IN PLACE, INSTEAD OF THE WILDLIFE
23 HAVING TO PASS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SQUARE FEET OF
24 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY THROUGH A LIGHTED INTERSECTION 24 HOURS A
25 DAY AND THEN UNDER AN EIGHT LANE FREEWAY, THE ANIMALS,



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1 ACCORDING TO MR. EDMUNDSTON, THEY WILL LOOK AT THE SCHOOL, IF
2 IT WAS TO BUILT THERE, AND SAY, OOPS, I GOT TO TURN AROUND
3 BECAUSE THIS IS GETTING TOO SCARY.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** RON, I'LL ASK YOU TO WRAP.

6

7 **RON TRONCATTY:** I'M ALMOST THROUGH. I'VE GOT HALF A PAGE LEFT.
8 IT'S ABSURD. IT'S ABSOLUTELY SHAMEFUL, THE PUBLIC
9 REPRESENTATIVES AWARE OF THIS TRADE PROPOSAL HAVE NOT
10 INVESTIGATED THE POSSIBILITY AND BENEFITS OF THE TRADE
11 PROPOSAL. PLEASE SHOW YOUR LEADERSHIP ABILITIES AND NOT SIMPLY
12 RESIGN YOURSELVES TO COMPROMISING OLD AGOURA'S UNIQUE
13 LIFESTYLE SIMPLY BECAUSE THE APPLICANT WANTS IT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **RON TRONCATTY:** PLEASE INVESTIGATE THE TRADE PROPOSAL.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NINO
20 DEFRANCO, YOU'RE NEXT. IS MARY HUBBARD BACK? NOT YET? SUE
21 BOECKER. SUE, YOU'LL BE FOURTH IN LINE HERE. NINO?

22

23 **NINO DEFRANCO:** MY NAME IS NINO DEFRANCO. I'M FROM WEST LAKE
24 VILLAGE. OUR FUTURE HOME, IN ONE YEAR, WILL BE AT CLAWED--
25 KOLODNY AND WE GO HORSEBACK RIDING THERE, MY WIFE AND I, EVERY



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1 DAY AND WE ENJOY IT VERY, VERY MUCH. THE BEAUTY THAT-- IT'S
2 BREATHTAKING. WE GO TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN AND WE GET TO
3 REALLY ENJOY WHAT LIFE IS REALLY ALL ABOUT. LAST NIGHT-- MY
4 WIFE WANTED TO BE HERE TODAY. WE HAD A BIG FIRE IN OUR
5 BACKYARD, RIGHT ON TRIUMPHAL. I'M A WITNESS TO SEEING HOW
6 SOMETHING COULD GET OUT OF CONTROL REALLY, REALLY FAST. THIS
7 IS A PLANNED COMMUNITY. WESTLAKE VILLAGE IS BEAUTIFUL, BUT YET
8 WE STILL WANT TO LIVE TO AGOURA. AND NOW THE MAIN THING IS I
9 WATCHED FIRE TRUCKS, I WATCHED PEOPLE PANICKING, INCLUDING MY
10 WIFE. I WENT THROUGH TWO LIGHTS, AS A MATTER OF FACT, I
11 STOPPED, LOOKED AROUND, IT WAS SAFE, I MADE A CHOICE OF GOING
12 THROUGH IT. THE FIRE WAS RIGHT IN OUR BACKYARD. WE WERE IN A
13 PANIC. IF MY WIFE HAD HER CHOICE, IT COULD HAVE GOTTEN EVEN
14 UGLIER, POSSIBLY. WE HAD TO PACK UP OUR PICTURES. I CAN SEE
15 WITH HORSES, IT'S GOING TO BE A WHOLE OTHER SCENARIO TAKING
16 PLACE, BIG TRAILERS BLOCKING UP THE WHOLE STREETS SOMETIMES
17 JUST BACKING UP, TRYING TO GET IN AND TRYING TO GET OUT WHILE
18 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS TRYING TO COME THROUGH. SMOKE. YOU
19 WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE KIDS. AND, AGAIN, WE'RE GOING TO SEE MOMS
20 THAT ARE GOING TO REALLY PANIC. WE HAVE 750 KIDS, THERE'S
21 GOING TO BE MOMS AND FRIENDS AND THEY'RE GOING TO BE IN THE
22 NEIGHBORHOOD, THEY'RE GOING TO BE SHOPPING, THEY'RE GOING TO
23 BE IN THE WAY WHEN THE TIME WE NEED FOR SAFETY. PLEASE TAKE
24 THAT ALL INTO CONSIDERATION. SAFETY IS NUMBER ONE AND PLANNING
25 AND HOPEFULLY EVEN WITH THE WESTLAKE VILLAGE, HOW WELL IT'S



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1 PLANNED, THERE'S STILL SCENARIOS THAT DO TAKE PLACE. THANK
2 YOU.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, NINO. JAMES D. WRIGLEY.
5 AND BEFORE YOU START, MR. WRIGLEY, LET ME-- KEN HABOUSH. IS
6 KEN HERE? COME ON DOWN. MR. WRIGLEY.

7

8 **JAMES D. WRIGLEY:** I LIVE IN CALABASAS AND I'M REPRESENTING
9 SAVE OPEN SPACE AND I WANT TO READ INTO THE RECORD A LETTER
10 THAT WAS BEEN SENT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
12 AND IT WAS WRITTEN BY RON SCHAFER, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT,
13 AND HE SAYS, "THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
14 RECREATION, ANGELES DISTRICT, APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO
15 COMMENT ON THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PROJECT," WHICH IS THE HESCHEL
16 PROJECT, OF COURSE. "WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEGATIVE
17 IMPACTS THAT THE PROJECT WILL IMPOSE ON THE LIBERTY CANYON
18 HABITAT LINKAGE NORTH OF THE VENTURA FREEWAY. THIS LINKAGE IS
19 ONE OF THE ONLY TWO VIABLE LINKAGES FOR USE BY WILDLIFE
20 ATTEMPTING TO MIGRATE BETWEEN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND
21 OTHER NATURAL AREAS TO THE NORTH. ACCORDINGLY, PRESERVATION OF
22 THIS AREA HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF INTENSE FOCUS BY PARK
23 AGENCIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS OVER THE LAST TWO
24 DECADES. THE AREA PROPOSED FOR THIS PROJECT IS USED BY
25 RAPTORS, DEER AND BOBCATS AS A FORAGING AREA. THE RELATIVELY



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1 FLAT TOPOGRAPHY OF THE SITE IS RARE IN THE AREA. THE LEVEL
2 TERRAIN AND CURRENT USE BY WILDLIFE MAKES THE SITE A VIABLE
3 BUFFER TO THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR. THE DESIGN OF THE PROJECT
4 INTRUDES INTO THE OPEN SPACE AND WILL ERODE THE BUFFER,
5 THEREBY DEGRADING THE QUALITY AND USEFULNESS OF THE HABITAT
6 LEAKAGE AS A WHOLE. WE CONSIDER THIS TO BE A SIGNIFICANT
7 IMPACT TO THE WILDLIFE COMMUNITIES OF THE SANTA MONICA
8 MOUNTAINS THAT CANNOT BE MITIGATED. THANK YOU FOR THE
9 CONSIDERATION OF OUR COMMENTS."

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. WRIGLEY.

12

13 **JAMES D. WRIGLEY:** I'D LIKE TO PUT THIS INTO THE RECORD.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES. PLEASE. THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
16 WILL TAKE THAT AND WE'LL MAKE IT PART OF THE RECORD. THANK YOU
17 VERY MUCH. SUE BOECKER. MS. BOECKER, HI.

18

19 **SUE BOECKER:** I'M GOING BACK IN HISTORY A WAYS AND I'M SURE
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL REMEMBER THIS. MAYBE THE REST OF
21 YOU WEREN'T HERE THEN. BACK IN 1986, THE COURT ORDERED THE LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT A DEVELOPMENT MONITORING SYSTEM
23 THAT SHALL APPLY TO ALL FUTURE URBAN DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS
24 FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. ON APRIL
25 21ST, 1987, THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDED YOUR



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1 GENERAL PLAN AND IMPLEMENTED THE DEVELOPMENT MONITORING
2 SYSTEM. IT APPARENTLY TOOK SOME TIME FOR IT-- FOR THE
3 DEVELOPMENT MONITORING SYSTEM TO BE CREATED BECAUSE IT WAS SIX
4 OR EIGHT MONTHS LATER WHEN IT GOT IMPLEMENTED. BY ANY
5 STANDARD, 166,000 SQUARE FEET OF STRUCTURES AND 200 CAR
6 PARKING LOT IS URBAN DEVELOPMENT. THE PROPOSED HESCHEL SCHOOL
7 SITE IS AN OPEN SPACE. IT IS ESSENTIAL CORE HABITAT AND IS
8 ADJACENT TO RURAL ONE ACRE RANCHES AND WILL BRING URBAN
9 EXPANSION INTO A RURAL AREA OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AREA
10 ZONE. SOMEHOW THIS REMINDS ME OF AHMANSON RANCH, THE IMPACTS
11 BEING GENERATED IN L.A. COUNTY AND FALLING INTO AGOURA HILLS.
12 BY NOT IDENTIFYING THIS PROJECT AS IN-- BEING IN VIOLATION OF
13 THE DEVELOPMENT MONITORING SYSTEM, THE PLANNER MADE A MISTAKE,
14 THEY DID NOT MARK IT, YES, INDEED IT IS ADDITIONAL URBAN
15 DEVELOPMENT IN A RURAL AREA. THE E.I.R. FAILS TO SHOW THAT THE
16 HESCHEL PROJECT CONFORMS TO AT LEAST FOUR OF THE GENERAL PLAN
17 POLICIES THAT WERE ADOPTED IN 1987. I CAN READ THEM.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, PLEASE DON'T.

20

21 **SUE BOECKER:** I HAVE PASSED IN THE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT
22 ALREADY BUT IT REALLY IS NOT IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MISS BOECKER.
25 KENNETH HABOUSH.



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2 **KENNETH HABOUSH:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

3 I'M KEN HABOUSH AND I'M A RESIDENT OF AGOURA. MY WIFE AND I,

4 ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, WERE ROUSTED OUT OF BED BY THE

5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A WILDFIRE WAS

6 ENCROACHING ON OUR HOME. WE WERE ASKED TO EVACUATE. WE WERE

7 FORTUNATE WE HAVE A HORSE TRAILER BECAUSE WE HAVE HORSES AND

8 LIVESTOCK. IT WAS QUITE A DISASTER, AS EVERYONE IN THE

9 NEIGHBORHOOD WAS TRYING TO LEAVE WITH HORSE TRAILERS WITH

10 THEIR ANIMALS, SOME HAD TO BE LED BY HAND. THOSE WHO DID NOT

11 HAVE THEIR OWN TRAILERS HAD TO WAIT FOR PEOPLE TO COME UP OUR

12 ROAD, WHICH AT ONE POINT IS A ONE LANE BRIDGE. THERE ARE

13 SIGNIFICANT BOTTLENECKS. IT WAS QUITE A MESS AND, AGAIN, THIS

14 WAS AROUND 2:00 IN THE MORNING. NOW, IF THE SAME SITUATION

15 WERE TO HAPPEN AGAIN MID DAY, DURING SCHOOL HOURS, I WOULD

16 LIKE YOU TO THINK IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS TO REALISTICALLY

17 CONSIDER, IF YOU'RE A PARENT AND YOUR CHILD IS AT SCHOOL AND

18 THERE'S A FIRE BLOWING ITS WAY THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL, WOULD YOU

19 SIT AT HOME AND WAIT FOR THE AUTHORITIES TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR

20 CHILD? I THINK YOU REALLY HAVE TO CONSIDER THE SITUATION. I

21 WOULD CERTAINLY GO THROUGH POLICE LINES TO GET MY CHILD OUT OF

22 THE SCHOOL IF IT WAS IN THE WAY OF FIRE AND I WOULD LIKE YOU

23 TO CONSIDER THE REALISTIC CONTINGENCY THAT IS HAVING EVERYONE

24 SIT IN PLACE IN THE SCHOOL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MARY HUBBARD. IS SHE
2 HERE? ALL RIGHT. THAT'S THE LAST CARD I HAVE. I HAVE-- ASK TO
3 MAKE SURE THE STAFF IS BACK HERE. I HAVE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS
4 I JUST WANT TO ASK FOR THE RECORD AND I HAVE A COUPLE OF
5 COMMENTS AND THEN I'M GOING TO HAVE A MOTION. SORRY. HERE WE
6 GO. I'M LOOKING FOR THE NOTES. THERE THEY ARE. FIRST OF ALL,
7 I'D LIKE TO JUST FOCUS FOR A SECOND ON THE HEALTH RISK ISSUE
8 THAT WAS RAISED BY MISS WIESBROCK AND SHE'S RAISED IT IN
9 WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE TO ME, TO THE COUNTY AS WELL. DOES THE
10 E.I.R. SHOW ANY EVIDENCE THAT A HUMAN HEALTH RISK EXISTS AS A
11 RESULT OF CONTAMINATION FROM GROUNDWATER FROM THE CALABASAS
12 LANDFILL?

13

14 **FRANK MENESES:** NO, SUPERVISOR.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE CRITICISM HAS BEEN THAT THE
17 TESTING WAS NOT DONE BY THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY BOARD, THAT
18 IT WAS DONE BY THE SANITATION DISTRICT AND IT WAS DONE IN THE
19 WRONG PLACE. CAN YOU ADDRESS THAT AT ALL? IS SOMEBODY FROM
20 SANITATION HERE? I BELIEVE WE HAVE SOMEBODY FROM SANITATION
21 HERE BECAUSE I ASKED THEM TO BE HERE SO THAT THEY COULD
22 ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

23

24 **BOB ASKIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS
25 BOB ASKIN. I'M THE SECTION HEAD FOR WATER QUALITY AND SOILS



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1 ENGINEERING FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS.

2 WE'RE THE OPERATORS OF THE CALABASAS LANDFILL.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE QUESTION THAT I ASKED, COULD
5 YOU ANSWER IT?

6

7 **BOB ASKIN:** COULD YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SURE. HAVE YOU DONE ANY STUDIES ON
10 CONTAMINATION, GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION AS A RESULT OF
11 DUMPING IN THE LANDFILL, CALABASAS LANDFILL?

12

13 **BOB ASKIN:** THE SANITATION DISTRICTS HAVE DONE EXTENSIVE
14 GROUNDWATER STUDIES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE REGIONAL WATER
15 QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SPECIFICALLY LOOKING AT OFFSET MIGRATION
16 FROM THE LANDFILL AND WE'VE FULLY CHARACTERIZED ALL OF THE
17 OFFSET MIGRATION AND IT'S CONTAINED ON THE WEST SIDE WHERE THE
18 HESCHEL PROPERTY IS TO A RELATIVELY SHORT DISTANCE OFF THE
19 SITE, ABOUT 2,000 FEET, WELL AWAY FROM THE HESCHEL PROPERTY.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND YOU SAY IT'S DONE UNDER THE
22 AUSPICES OF THE WATER REGIONAL QUALITY BOARD, WHAT DOES THAT
23 MEAN?

24



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1 **BOB ASKIN:** IT MEANS THAT THEY APPROVE EVERY ASPECT OF THE
2 STUDY AND WE CARRIED OUT THE-- WE DRILLED WELLS, MONITORING
3 WELLS, WE PUT THEM IN THE GROUND, THE PLACEMENT OF THOSE
4 WELLS, HOW DEEP THEY WENT, ET CETERA, WAS ALL SUBJECT TO
5 REGIONAL BOARD APPROVAL. WE HAVE ONGOING MONITORING OF THE
6 GROUNDWATER THERE AND WE REPORT THOSE RESULTS DIRECTLY TO THE
7 REGIONAL BOARD.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THE PROTOCOLS ARE ESTABLISHED
10 BY THE REGIONAL WATER BOARD AND THEN YOU FOLLOW THE PROTOCOL--
11 YOU EXECUTE THE PLAN-- THE PROTOCOLS?

12

13 **BOB ASKIN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU SUBMIT THE REPORTS TO THEM
16 OR IS THAT IS NOT NECESSARY?

17

18 **BOB ASKIN:** NO, WE SUBMIT THE REPORTS TO THEM. THEY REVIEW THE
19 REPORTS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HAVE THEY REVIEWED THESE REPORTS?

22

23 **BOB ASKIN:** ABSOLUTELY.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HAVE THEY COMMENTED ON THEM? HAVE
2 THEY SAID THEY WERE INADEQUATE IN ANY WAY?

3

4 **BOB ASKIN:** YES, THAT THEY HAVE AGREED-- THEY'VE AGREED WITH
5 THE CONCLUSIONS OF OUR STUDY THAT THE CONTAMINATION THAT
6 EXISTS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE LANDFILL IS CONFINED TO A
7 RELATIVELY SHALLOW GROUNDWATER ZONE, IT'S NOT IN THE DEEP
8 GROUNDWATER ZONE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT IS 2,000 FEET AWAY?

11

12 **BOB ASKIN:** ABOUT 2,000 FEET AWAY AND THAT WE'VE IMPLEMENTED
13 ADDITIONAL CONTROL MEASURES AND WE'VE SEEN THE CONTAMINATION
14 LEVELS DECREASE WITH TIME IN RESPONSE TO THOSE CONTROL
15 MEASURES AND THAT PLUME IS RECEDING CLOSER TO THE LANDFILL.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
18 CONTROL BOARD CONCURS IN THAT FINDING THAT YOU'VE MADE?

19

20 **BOB ASKIN:** THAT'S CORRECT AND WE REPORT ALL OF OUR MONITORING
21 TO THEM.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I THINK THAT'S ALL I'LL
24 HAVE FOR YOU BUT THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. I'D LIKE TO ASK
25 SOME FIRE SAFETY QUESTIONS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. WHILE



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1 YOU'RE COMING UP, I'LL ASK A QUESTION. WHAT THE SCHOOL HAS
2 CURRENTLY PROPOSED INTERFERE WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
3 EXISTING EVACUATION PLANS FOR THE OLD AGOURA COMMUNITY? HERE
4 COMES THE FIRE REPRESENTATIVES. IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE
5 RECORD.

6

7 **MARK NELSON:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD. MY NAME IS MARK
8 NELSON. I'M A BATTALION FIRE CHIEF WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 FIRE DEPARTMENT, CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE FIRE PREVENTION
10 DIVISION.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO WOULD THE SCHOOL, AS
13 CURRENTLY PROPOSED, INTERFERE WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
14 EXISTING EVACUATION PLANS FOR THE OLD AGOURA COMMUNITY?

15

16 **MARK NELSON:** YES. THE PLANS THAT THE SCHOOL HAS PROPOSED AT
17 THIS TIME ARE ADEQUATE AT THIS PHASE OF THE C.U.P. BUT, OF
18 COURSE, WOULD HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED FURTHER.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU COULD
21 DEVELOP-- THAT THE SCHOOL COULD DEVELOP A PLAN CONSISTENT WITH
22 THEIR APPLICATION THAT WOULD NOT IMPACT-- YOU BELIEVE THAT A
23 PLAN IS ACHIEVABLE THAT WOULD NOT IMPACT THE EVACUATION PLAN
24 FOR THE OLD AGOURA COMMUNITY?

25



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1 **MARK NELSON:** YES, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT'S
2 POSSIBLE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HAS THE SHELTER-IN-PLACE OPTION
5 BEEN EVALUATED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT?

6

7 **MARK NELSON:** YES, IT HAS.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS IT FEASIBLE, GIVEN THE FUEL
10 MODIFICATION AND BUILDING STANDARDS REQUIRED IN THE PLAN?

11

12 **MARK NELSON:** YES, WE BELIEVE IT IS FEASIBLE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANKS. I MEAN, I'M NOT
15 GOING TO ASK EVERY QUESTION I HAVE BUT I WANTED A COUPLE OF
16 THE MACRO QUESTIONS AND I'LL PURSUE THE OTHER QUESTIONS WITH
17 YOU AS WE GO ON IN THE DAYS AHEAD. I WANT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE
18 OF THE CONSISTENCY ISSUE. IS A PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH
19 GRADE, I GUESS THIS SAYS FOR MR. MENESES, PRE-KINDERGARTEN
20 THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE ALLOWED UNDER THE CURRENT ZONING AND LAND
21 USE DESIGNATION CONTAINED IN THE NORTH AREA PLAN?

22

23 **FRANK MENESES:** YES. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS ARE ALLOWED BY
24 THE PLAN AND SUBJECT TO A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND I WOULD READ FROM THE NORTH
2 AREA PLAN, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS
3 THIS, BECAUSE I THINK THAT REASONABLE PEOPLE CAN DISAGREE ON
4 WHETHER THE SCHOOL SHOULD BE THERE, WHAT KIND OF SCHOOL, HOW
5 BIG A SCHOOL AND ALL SORT OF THING, BUT IT IS NOT DEBATABLE AS
6 TO WHETHER A SCHOOL IS PERMITTED IN THE NORTH AREA PLAN AND
7 I'M READING FROM THE PLAN. "PERMITTED USES INCLUDE LOW DENSITY
8 SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING, AGRICULTURE, EQUESTRIAN USES, RETREATS,
9 MONASTERIES, PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS, BED AND BREAKFAST LODGING,
10 LOW INTENSITY CONFERENCE CENTERS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS,
11 WATER TANKS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY," ET CETERA, ET
12 CETERA AND I WILL SAY FURTHER, JUST FOR THE RECORD, THAT THERE
13 WERE THOSE WHO ASKED ME WHEN WE-- AND ASKED THIS BOARD, I
14 BELIEVE IT WAS ON THE RECORD, TO PROHIBIT SCHOOLS IN THE NORTH
15 AREA PLAN AND WE EXPRESSLY REJECTED THAT, EXPRESSLY REJECTED
16 THAT ANYWHERE IN THE NORTH AREA PLAN, BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW
17 WHEN YOU NEED A SCHOOL. SO THE NOTION THAT SCHOOLS ARE
18 PRECLUDED IN THE NORTH AREA PLAN IS JUST PLAIN WRONG. THAT
19 DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T-- YOU DON'T HAVE TO MITIGATE IT AND YOU
20 HAVE TO ADDRESS IT BUT THEY ARE NOT ONLY NOT PROHIBITED, THEY
21 ARE EXPRESSLY PERMITTED BY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. AND I JUST
22 WOULD WISH THAT THE OPPONENTS OF THIS WOULD-- YOU'VE GOT
23 PLENTY OF OTHER ISSUES THAT YOU CAN HANG YOUR HAT ON, THAT'S,
24 IN MY JUDGMENT, NOT ONE OF THEM. DID THE PLANNING COMMISSION
25 FIND THAT THE SCHOOL WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE NORTH AREA PLAN?



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2 **FRANK MENESES:** YES, THEY DID.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DOES THE COUNTY COMPARE THE
5 INTENSITY OF SCHOOLS OR OTHER NONRESIDENTIAL USES TO THE
6 ALLOWED DENSITY OF RESIDENTIAL USES ON THE SAME SITE IN ORDER
7 TO DETERMINE THE CONSISTENTLY WITH THE LAND USE PLAN?

8

9 **FRANK MENESES:** NO. THEY GENERALLY DO NOT DETERMINE CONSISTENCY
10 BY COMPARING IT TO SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES OR OTHER RESIDENTIAL
11 DEVELOPMENT. IT'S BASED MORE ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND ITS IMPACTS
12 ON THE SURROUNDING AREA AND HABITAT AND THINGS LIKE THAT. IT'S
13 DISCRETIONARY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL OPINION AS A
16 PLANNER FOR THE COUNTY, IS THE SCHOOL, AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED,
17 CONSISTENT WITH THE NORTH AREA PLAN?

18

19 **FRANK MENESES:** YES, I BELIEVE SO.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NOW WHO IS GOING TO ADDRESS
22 TRAFFIC ISSUES? OKAY. IDENTIFY YOURSELF AGAIN.

23

24 **DENNIS HUNTER:** DENNIS HUNTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
25 WORKS, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS, DENNIS. DOES THE PROPOSED
3 FIVE WAY TRAFFIC SIGNAL STUDIED IN THE E.I.R. MITIGATE TRAFFIC
4 IMPACTS TO A LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT LEVEL?

5

6 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, IT DOES.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DOES THE ROUNDABOUT OPTION STUDIED
9 IN THE E.I.R. MITIGATE TRAFFIC IMPACTS TO A LESS THAN
10 SIGNIFICANT LEVEL?

11

12 **DENNIS HUNTER:** YES, IT DOES, SUPERVISOR.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU KNOW WHETHER WE'RE TALKING
15 ABOUT A SINGLE LANE ROUNDABOUT OR A DOUBLE LANE ROUNDABOUT?

16

17 **DENNIS HUNTER:** WELL, THE ROUNDABOUT WOULD ULTIMATELY BE A TWO
18 LANE ROUNDABOUT IN THE 30-YEAR BUILD-OUT THAT CALTRANS WOULD
19 LOOK AT AS PART OF THEIR PSR, BUT IT COULD BE PHASED IN AS A
20 SINGLE LANE ROUNDABOUT IN THE NEAR TERM THAT WOULD MITIGATE
21 THE IMPACTS OF THE SCHOOL.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU, DENNIS. GET ME A
24 COPY OF THE MOTION, OKAY? I WANT TO MAKE SURE I READ THE
25 CORRECT VERSION BECAUSE WE'VE MADE MODIFICATIONS AS WE'VE



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1 HEARD THE TESTIMONY. I JUST WANTED TO GET THOSE THINGS ON THE
2 RECORD. THERE WILL BE MORE TIME TO GET MORE THINGS ON THE
3 RECORD ON ALL SIDES BUT LET ME JUST MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS
4 ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND THEN I'M GOING TO READ A MOTION AND WE
5 CAN GET ON WITH THE OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD. THIS HAS BEEN
6 GOING ON A LONG TIME AND THIS ISN'T THE FIRST SCHOOL THAT ANY
7 OF US HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH ON A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BASIS
8 AND, IN MY CASE, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IT'S NOT THE FIRST
9 SCHOOL I'VE DEALT WITH IN A HIGHLY SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
10 CONTEXT. WE HAVE EIGHT SCHOOLS THAT MARVIN BROWNIE, MY FORMER
11 COLLEAGUE ON THE CITY COUNCIL, AND I HAD TO DEAL WITH IN THE
12 MULHOLLAND SCENIC CORRIDOR AREA OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND
13 THOSE EIGHT SCHOOLS ARE THERE TODAY AND CONDITIONS WERE
14 IMPOSED, THEY'VE LIVED BY THE CONDITIONS AND I HAVE NEVER HAD
15 A SCHOOL, A CHURCH, A SYNAGOGUE, A MOSQUE OR A PARK THAT HAS
16 BEEN PROPOSED FOR AN AREA THAT DIDN'T ENGENDER PRECISELY THIS
17 KIND OF REACTION ON BOTH SIDES, AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE BUT
18 THAT'S THE WAY-- EVERYBODY WANTS A SCHOOL BUT THEY DON'T WANT
19 IT NEXT TO THEM. I UNDERSTAND IT. I LIVE TWO DOORS FROM A
20 MAJOR COMMERCIAL STREET. I WISH I LIVED A BLOCK AND A HALF
21 FROM THAT COMMERCIAL STREET BUT THAT'S-- WE'VE LEARNED TO WORK
22 WITH OUR NEIGHBORS AND THAT'S WHAT I WOULD URGE THE NEIGHBORS
23 HERE TO DO. THIS IS-- THIS SHOULD NOT BE THAT COMPLICATED AN
24 ISSUE BUT IT IS, FOR THE REASONS YOU'VE HEARD. WE ARE GOING TO
25 WORK WITH BOTH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE SCHOOL PURSUANT TO THE



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1 MOTION I'M ABOUT TO READ, ASSUMING MY COLLEAGUES WILL AGREE TO
2 IT, IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE MOST OF THE ISSUES AS BEST WE CAN.
3 I WANT TO SAY THAT, FOR THOSE WHO DON'T WANT THE SCHOOL THERE
4 AT ALL, I DON'T THINK THAT'S-- THAT'S NOT GOING TO RESONATE
5 WITH ME AT THIS STAGE OF THE GAME. IF THE SCHOOL WANTS TO
6 TAKE-- MAKE A LAND SWAP, AS MR. TRONCATTY HAD SUGGESTED, I'D
7 BE THE HAPPIEST GUY IN THE WORLD, BUT THAT'S THE SCHOOL'S
8 DECISION, IT'S NOT THE COUNTY'S DECISION AND I COMMEND THOSE
9 WHO HAVE TRIED TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO THAT, BUT IT'S THEIR
10 DECISION. THEY HAVE AN APPLICATION BEFORE US, WE'RE OBLIGATED
11 TO CONSIDER IT. AND WE ARE OBLIGATED, IN MY JUDGMENT, TO MAKE
12 A DECISION THAT IS BOTH FAIR, IT IS DEFENSIBLE ON
13 ENVIRONMENTAL GROUNDS, ON SAFETY GROUNDS, IN CONSISTENCY WITH
14 THE PLANNED GROUNDS AND ALL THE OTHER ISSUES THAT WE ALWAYS
15 DEAL WITH. THE SCHOOL IS NOT READY TODAY WITH A MITIGATION
16 PLAN FOR 750 KIDS. I THINK THEY WOULD BE THE FIRST TO ADMIT IT
17 AND CERTAINLY IF THEY DON'T, I WILL ASSERT IT. THEY SIMPLY ARE
18 NOT READY AT THIS STAGE OF THE GAME. BUT I BELIEVE THAT THERE
19 IS AN INTERIM APPROACH THAT DAN KUPERBERG, THE MAYOR OF AGOURA
20 HILLS, AND I'VE DISCUSSED IT WITH ENOUGH PEOPLE IN GENERAL
21 TERMS, I THINK YOU KNOW THAT'S THE DIRECTION THAT WE WERE
22 TRYING TO HEAD. AND SO I'M GOING TO READ THIS MOTION. ON JUNE
23 28TH, 2006, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY
24 APPROVED THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A SCHOOL OF UP TO
25 750 STUDENTS. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT CERTIFIED BY THE



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1 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOUND THAT TWO ALTERNATE
2 MITIGATION MEASURES, A ROUNDABOUT AND A FIVE-WAY TRAFFIC
3 SIGNAL, COULD FULLY MITIGATE THE CUMULATIVE TRAFFIC IMPACTS
4 CAUSED BY THE BUILD-OUT OF THIS SCHOOL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS
5 APPROVED BY THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS
6 IN THAT REGION. HOWEVER, AS A CONDITION OF APPROVAL, THE
7 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REQUIRED THAT A NEW PUBLIC
8 HEARING BE HELD BY THE COMMISSION IF ANY TRAFFIC MITIGATION
9 MEASURE OTHER THAN THE ROUNDABOUT IS USED. THE APPLICANT HAS
10 APPEALED THAT CONDITION OF APPROVAL AND IS REQUESTING THAT
11 EITHER TRAFFIC MITIGATION MEASURE BE ALLOWED WITHOUT
12 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION. IT IS
13 CLEAR THAT THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR EITHER OF THESE TRAFFIC
14 MITIGATION MEASURES PROPOSED FOR THE INTERSECTION OF PALO
15 COMADO CANYON ROAD AND THE 101 FREEWAY WILL REQUIRE A LENGTHY
16 REVIEW PROCESS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CALTRANS, AS
17 WELL AS THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS. IT IS ALSO APPARENT THAT
18 THIS REVIEW CANNOT BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE BOARD'S FINAL
19 ACTION ON THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WITHOUT CAUSING A
20 SIGNIFICANT DELAY IN THE OPENING OF THE SCHOOL. AS AN
21 ALTERNATIVE, A PROPERLY DESIGNED INTERIM TRAFFIC MITIGATION
22 PLAN, COMBINED WITH A DRAMATICALLY REDUCED SCHOOL SIZE FOR THE
23 LIFE OF THAT INTERIM PLAN, CAN BOTH PROTECT THE COMMUNITY FROM
24 ALL SIGNIFICANT TRAFFIC IMPACTS AND AVOID DELAYS IN THE
25 OPENING OF THE SCHOOL. ADDITIONAL TIME IS NEEDED TO FULLY



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1 DEVELOP SUCH AN INTERIM PLAN AND ADDRESS CONCERNS RELATED TO
2 TRAFFIC, EMERGENCY RESPONSE, AESTHETICS, NOISE, AND OTHER
3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE
4 RAISED AT THIS HEARING AND IN PRIOR HEARINGS AND IN
5 CORRESPONDENCE. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
6 CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ITEM TO MAY 22ND OF THIS
7 YEAR, 2007, AND INSTRUCT THE APPLICANT TO WORK WITH THE
8 DEPARTMENT STAFF AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AND PUBLIC
9 AGENCIES TO, ONE, DEVELOP AN INTERIM TRAFFIC PLAN FOR A
10 STUDENT BODY OF NO MORE THAN 390 STUDENTS THAT FULLY MITIGATES
11 ALL PROJECTS, SPECIFIC TERTIARY AND CUMULATIVE TRAFFIC
12 IMPACTS, PROVIDES AN ENHANCED MEASURABLE AND ENFORCEABLE
13 BUSING AND/OR CARPOOLING PROGRAM AND INCLUDES AN EVALUATION OF
14 ALTERNATIVE ACCESS ROUTES, INCLUDING BUT NOT NECESSARILY
15 LIMITED TO ONE-WAY INGRESS AT CANWOOD STREET AND ONE-WAY
16 EGRESS AT CHESEBORO ROAD. TWO, PERFORM ANY AND ALL ADDITIONAL
17 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA
18 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND MAKE THE INTERIM TRAFFIC PLAN
19 AND ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE FOR
20 PUBLIC REVIEW FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 45 DAYS AND DIRECT
21 STAFF TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO COMMENTS IN THE
22 FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION. THREE, PREPARE AND
23 RECOMMEND TO THIS BOARD A MODIFIED GRADING CONCEPT THAT MEETS
24 ALL COUNTY STANDARDS AND INCLUDES A REDESIGN OF THE KENWOOD
25 STREET ENTRANCE THAT MORE FULLY PRESERVES THE NATURAL



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1 TOPOGRAPHY OF THE RIDGELINE. AND THAT'S ADDRESSING A SPECIFIC
2 ISSUE THAT WAS RAISED BY AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
3 TODAY. FOUR, PRODUCE PHOTOMETRIC AND SIGHT LINE ANALYSES,
4 ELEVATIONS, BUILDING RENDERINGS AND LANDSCAPE PLANS, MAKE
5 THESE GRAPHICS AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE
6 COMMUNITY AND PREPARE FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THIS BOARD A
7 MODIFIED SET OF DESIGN AND LANDSCAPE STANDARDS THAT WILL
8 PRESERVE THE SEMI RURAL EQUESTRIAN CHARACTER AND EXISTING
9 ARCHITECTURAL ANESTHETIC OF OLD AGOURA. FIVE, CREATE A
10 PRELIMINARY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING CHECKLIST FOR
11 INCLUSION IN THE CONDITIONS OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT THAT
12 ENSURES THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND REGULAR UPDATING OF A
13 COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATION PLAN THAT WILL
14 ESTABLISH CLEAR LINES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS, SCHOOL
15 OFFICIALS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND
16 ENSURE THAT THE SCHOOL'S OPERATIONS DO NOT INTERFERE WITH AN
17 ORDERLY EVACUATION OF THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY SHOULD ONE
18 BECOME NECESSARY. SIX, IMPROVE THE SCHOOL'S NOISE ATTENUATION
19 PLAN AND RECOMMEND CHANGES TO THE PERMIT CONDITIONS THAT
20 ELIMINATE, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, POTENTIALLY DISRUPTIVE NOISES
21 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LOUD SPEAKERS, SCHOOL BELLS AND
22 OTHER AMPLIFIED DEVICES. 7, WORK WITH THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS
23 TO DEVELOP A SET OF STANDARD MINIMUM CONDITIONS FOR ANY
24 TEMPORARY USE PERMITS APPROVED FOR THIS SITE. 8, WORK WITH THE
25 APPROPRIATE CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC PARK AGENCIES TO SECURE



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1 FINAL DOCUMENTATION, VERIFYING THE RESPECTIVE AGENCY'S
2 WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE THE DEED RESTRICTED CONSERVATION
3 EASEMENT AND LAND DEDICATION THAT ARE SHOWN ON THE APPROVED
4 EXHIBIT A AND SUBMIT THIS DOCUMENTATION TO THE BOARD PRIOR TO
5 THE MAY 22ND, 2007 MEETING. AND, NINE, IMMEDIATELY REPAIR AND
6 CONTINUALLY MAINTAIN ALL EXTERIOR FENCING ON THE PROPERTY SO
7 AS TO PREVENT TRESPASSING AND PERFORM THIS WORK IN A MANNER
8 THAT PRESERVES THE EXISTING CHARACTER OF THE OLD AGOURA
9 COMMUNITY. CAN I GET A SECOND ON THAT?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND BY MR. KNABE. I THINK IT'S
14 SELF-EVIDENT WHERE WE WANT TO GO WITH THIS. I BELIEVE THAT WE
15 HAVE AN APPROACH HERE THAT AT LEAST PRESENTS A POTENTIAL,
16 DEPENDING ON THE ANALYSIS THAT COMES BACK, OF AN INTERIM PLAN
17 THAT, IF IT MEETS THE CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED HERE AND IT MEETS
18 WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD LATER IN THE SPRING, COULD GET
19 THE SCHOOL OFF THE GROUND IN A MANNER THAT IS SENSITIVE AND
20 RESPECTFUL OF THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD, OF THE ADJACENT
21 NEIGHBORHOOD. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT, BETWEEN 390 STUDENTS
22 AND THE 750 THEY APPLIED FOR, WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF WHAT
23 WE'LL HAVE TO DECIDE AS PART OF THAT MAY 22ND DISCUSSION AND
24 WHETHER THEY CAN MITIGATE, FULLY MITIGATE THE TRAFFIC IMPACTS
25 AND HOW THEY WOULD DO THAT. AND THAT WILL INVOLVE-- REQUIRE



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1 SOME COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS. WHAT WE
2 DON'T WANT TO DO IS HAVE A SITUATION WHERE THE SCHOOL CAN'T
3 GET STARTED AT ALL BECAUSE WE CAN'T REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE
4 CITY OF AGOURA HILLS. SO IF THEY CAN MAKE THIS WORK THROUGH
5 CARPOOLING, BUSING AND ANY OTHER TECHNIQUES THAT ARE AVAILABLE
6 AND MITIGATE IT SUFFICIENTLY, THEN THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO GET
7 STARTED WITH THE SCHOOL OF UP TO 390. IT MAY NOT GET TO 390
8 FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, THEIR REASONS, OUR REASONS, BUT UP
9 TO 390 AND, BEYOND THAT, WE'LL HAVE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WITH
10 THE ROUNDABOUT, WITH CALTRANS, WITH AGOURA HILLS AND OTHERS.
11 AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO URGE EVERYBODY TO RESPECT ONE ANOTHER.
12 THIS IS NOT A JEWISH ISSUE. I THINK THE PEOPLE WHO SAID THAT
13 ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, IT HAPPENS TO BE A JEWISH SCHOOL, JUST
14 LIKE THE OAKS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, BUT FOR
15 US IT'S A SCHOOL, IT'S A LAND USE ISSUE. THAT'S ALL THIS IS.
16 AND NOBODY SHOULD GET ALL OF THEIR BLOOD PRESSURE UP OVER
17 ISSUES THAT ARE EXTRANEIOUS OR IRRELEVANT TO THIS. IT'S A
18 SCHOOL AND I ASSURE YOU THAT IF THIS WAS A PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL
19 OR A MUSLIM SCHOOL OR A CATHOLIC SCHOOL, WE'D HAVE THE EXACT
20 SAME DEBATE ABOUT THIS AS WE ARE BECAUSE IT'S THE HESCHEL
21 SCHOOL AND THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ALL HAVE THE
22 BENEFIT OF A LITTLE BIT OF EXPERIENCE. WE'VE SEEN IT ALL
23 BEFORE, WE'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE AND WE KNOW THAT THERE'S
24 LIFE AFTER DOING THIS IF WE DO IT RIGHT, AND WE'RE GOING TO DO
25 IT RIGHT, AND THAT MEANS EVERYBODY'S GOING TO HAVE TO COME TO



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1 THE TABLE AND COMPROMISE AND-- AND COMPROMISE. I THINK THERE'S
2 A WAY TO DO-- THERE'S A WAY TO DO THIS IN THE THE RIGHT WAY
3 AND I'M COMMITTED TO DOING THAT, SO I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY
4 WHO HAS TESTIFIED HERE TODAY, I WANT TO THANK BOTH THE
5 PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS, THE STAFF, I WANT TO THANK MY STAFF.
6 WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BUT WE'RE GOING TO GET THERE. ANY
7 OTHER DISCUSSION? MR. KNABE?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I JUST ONE, WOULD COMPLIMENT YOUR PATIENCE
10 ON THIS ISSUE. WE'VE BEEN AROUND THIS THING AND HEARD THIS
11 TESTIMONY OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND I REALLY HOPE THAT
12 BOTH THE PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS UNDERSTAND YOUR DESIRE TO
13 WORK SOMETHING OUT IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS BECAUSE EVERYBODY
14 HAS TRIED TO WORK VERY HARD BUT I KEEP THINKING THEY KEEP
15 THINKING THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE TIME, THERE'S GOING TO
16 BE MORE TIME AND AT SOME POINT WE NEED, BECAUSE IT IS A LAND
17 USE ISSUE AND AT SOME POINT WE NEED TO BRING THIS TO
18 CONCLUSION. SO HOPEFULLY WE JUST WANT TO BACK YOU UP TO LET
19 THEM BOTH KNOW, BOTH THE OPPONENTS AND THE PROPONENTS, THAT
20 IT'S VERY IMPORTANT, IN THIS NEXT FEW MONTHS, THAT YOU ALL GET
21 TOGETHER IN A WAY TO BRING THIS ITEM TO CONCLUSION.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM WHO,
24 WHEN THEY FIRST TESTIFIED ON THIS ISSUE, DID NOT HAVE GRAY
25 HAIR. I WAS ONE OF THEM. [LAUGHTER]



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THERE'S SOME OF US THAT LISTENED TO THE TESTIMONY
3 FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT DIDN'T HAVE GRAY HAIR.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? IF NOT, IS
6 THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE MOTION? IF NOT, UNANIMOUS VOTE.
7 THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. NEXT ITEM, SACHI.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. THE PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS ARE CLOSED
10 AND WE WILL GO ON TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. IT BEGINS
11 WITH YOUR DISTRICT. ADJOURNMENTS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE ONE ADJOURNING MOTION. I'D
14 LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF SARA HAUSNER,
15 WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN
16 THE COMMUNITY AND IN HER RELIGIOUS LIFE, A DEDICATED VOLUNTEER
17 IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. SHE CONSIDERED IT BOTH A DUTY AND AN
18 HONOR TO SERVE AS A PRECINCT WORKER IN LOCAL ELECTIONS HERE IN
19 THE COUNTY WHEREVER SHE LIVED AND SHE WAS AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER
20 AT SCHOOLS, SYNAGOGUES AND HOSPITALS. HER FAMILY WILL REMEMBER
21 HER MOST AS AN IDEAL ROLE MODEL, A LOVING WIFE AND MOTHER,
22 MOTHER-IN-LAW AND GRANDMOTHER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON
23 STANLEY, DAUGHTER, MARILYN HINDON, GRANDCHILDREN STEVEN,
24 KELLY, TRACY, LAUREN, MICHAEL AND DANIELLE. THAT'S MY ONLY



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1 ADJOURNING MOTION. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. THE
2 ITEMS THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US...

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE HAVE ITEM 20, 25-- 20 AND 24.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S TAKE ITEM 20. WE HAVE A FEW
7 PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD. PETER BAXTER AND DR. CLAVREUL.
8 MR. BAXTER, GO AHEAD.

9

10 **PETER BAXTER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,
11 MR. JANSSEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND I LIVE IN LOS
12 ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT THE DIRECTOR IN THE
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FACES-- THE DOCTORS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
14 ANGELES FACE A CHALLENGE IN ADDRESSING THIS-- THE RESPONSE TO
15 THE 9/11 DISASTER MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AGO. THIS IS A HEALTH
16 SERVICES ISSUE. A CANDLE BURNING IN A GLASS CONTAINER WHICH IS
17 OPEN AT THE TOP DEMONSTRATES PRECISELY THE PHYSICS AND
18 CHEMISTRY OF THE PROPOSAL TO DENY HOSTILE FIRE OXYGEN. THE
19 BURNING CANDLE DRAWS FRESH AIR INTO THE OPENING OF THE GLASS
20 ENTERTAINER. THAT IS THE RESULT OF THE PHYSICS, PHYSICAL AND
21 CHEMICAL REACTION WHICH TAKES PLACE AT THE WICK OF THE CANDLE
22 AS IT BURNS. THE WICK, WHICH IS FUEL, COMBINES WITH THE OXYGEN
23 AND THE FRESH AIR TO PRODUCE A PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL CHANGE IN
24 THE FUEL AND IN THE OXYGEN. THAT CHANGE PRODUCES THE PRODUCTS
25 OF COMBUSTION THAT IS HEAT, LIGHT AND SMOKE, EVIDENCE OF



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1 COMBUSTION OR FIRE. FROM EXPERIENCE, WE KNOW THAT PLACING A
2 NONFLAMMABLE PAD OVER THE TOP OF THE GLASS CONTAINER OF THE
3 CANDLE SHALL PUT THE CANDLE OUT WITHIN SECONDS. THAT ACTION
4 PREVENTS FRESH AIR FROM ENTERING THE GLASS CONTAINER. THE ONLY
5 SOURCE OF OXYGEN FOR THE BURNING CANDLE IS WHAT OXYGEN STILL
6 REMAINS IN THE NOW SEALED GLASS CONTAINER. NO FRESH AIR MAY
7 ENTER THE SEALED CONTAINER. THEREFORE, NO OXYGEN MAY ENTER THE
8 CONTAINER, NO CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL REACTION MAY OCCUR BETWEEN
9 THE OXYGEN AND THE FUEL, THE FIRE GOES OUT. PLEASE NOTE THE
10 CANDLE IDEA WAS CONTRIBUTED BY MISS MERCEDES RIVERA, WHO IS
11 SITTING TO MY RIGHT HERE, ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY
12 SUBMITTED AND I THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, PETER. THANK YOU VERY
15 MUCH. DR. CLAVREUL.

16

17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AFTER THE REPORT
18 OF DR. CHERNOF.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE ON ITEM 20.

21

22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YEAH.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, AT THIS POINT, HE'S NOT BEEN
25 ASKED TO REPORT. WE HAVE THE REPORT AND WE'RE-- SO IF YOU WANT



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1 TO ADDRESS IT, I WOULD ADDRESS IT NOW, BECAUSE IT MAY BE THAT
2 WE NOT HEAR FROM HIM.

3

4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW, I AM CONCERNED
6 WHEN WE ARE CONSISTENTLY SEEING A CHANGE IN THE-- ON
7 PROPOSITION. IT'S VERY OBVIOUS ON THIS ONE, YOU KNOW, THE
8 HOMEWORK WAS NOT DONE WHEN IT WAS FIRST SUBMITTED. AND I'M
9 VERY CONCERNED THAT, ON THAT ISSUE, THE COUNTY IS GOING TO
10 HAVE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY THE PHYSICIANS NO MATTER
11 WHAT AND THERE IS VERY LITTLE CONTROL ON WHAT'S GOING TO BE,
12 YOU KNOW-- HAPPENED. I RECEIVED THE DRAFT WHICH IS NOT VERY
13 SELF-EXPLANATORY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

16

17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** SINCE I'M HERE, I'LL GIVE SOME PAPERS
18 FOR YOU. ONE IS ON MY FEELING ABOUT THE EXPANSION FOR THE
19 BOARD ABOUT NURSES AND ABOUT CARE IN HOSPITALS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. LET'S HAVE THOSE THREE.
22 THANK YOU. ANY DISCUSSION BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD? BURKE
23 MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. ITEM 24. WE HAVE A
24 REPORT FROM THE HEALTH DIRECTOR.

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ITEM 24 COVERS TWO ITEMS, MR. CHAIR, IN
2 RESPONSE TO BOARD MOTIONS ON THE GOVERNOR'S WELFARE PROPOSAL
3 AND ALSO ON HEALTHCARE PROPOSALS. AND I BELIEVE DR. CHERNOF IS
4 GOING TO ADDRESS THE HEALTHCARE PROPOSALS. AND PHIL ANSELL IS
5 HERE TO DISCUSS THE WELFARE PROPOSALS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WHY DON'T WE START WITH
8 HEALTH.

9

10 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR GIVING
11 OUR DEPARTMENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOUR BOARD ON THE
12 IMPORTANT HEALTH PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD
13 RECENTLY BY VARIOUS ELECTED OFFICIALS. LET ME BEGIN BY
14 ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE ARE REALLY THREE MAJOR PROPOSALS OUT
15 THERE, AS WELL AS A COUPLE OF LESS FORMED ONES THAT MAY YET
16 COME FORWARD BUT THE THREE THAT WE KNOW SO FAR ARE OBVIOUSLY
17 THE GOVERNOR'S HEALTHCARE REFORM INITIATIVE, WHICH HE RELEASED
18 ON THE 8TH OF JANUARY THIS YEAR, AS WELL AS TWO OTHER
19 PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN RELEASED RECENTLY BY ASSEMBLY SPEAKER
20 NUNEZ AND SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM PERATA. IT IS CLEAR AT THIS
21 POINT THAT THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL IS THE ONE THAT HAS HAD THE
22 MOST AIRTIME AND IS PROBABLY THE MOST DEVELOPED IN TERMS OF
23 PUBLIC COMMENT SO FAR AND IT HAS SOME KEY COMPONENTS THAT ARE
24 WORTH LOOKING AT BRIEFLY. ITS GOAL IS TO COVER 4.8 MILLION OF
25 THE STATE'S ROUGHLY 6.5 MILLION UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS HERE IN



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1 CALIFORNIA FOR MEDICAL SERVICES. ALL CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS
2 WOULD BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A MINIMUM LEVEL OF HEALTHCARE
3 COVERAGE, THERE'S A PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY PIECE HERE. THERE
4 IS A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE MEDI-CAL REIMBURSEMENT TO AN UNCLEAR
5 LEVEL FOR HOSPITALS AND DOCTORS. COUNTIES, INCLUDING OUR
6 COUNTY, WOULD CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COVERING
7 UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS, OF WHICH THERE ARE ESTIMATED TO BE
8 750,000 IN THE STATE. EXTENSION OF MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY WOULD
9 BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF HIS PROPOSAL AND IT WOULD COVER POOR
10 ADULTS THROUGH BOTH HEALTHY FAMILIES AND MEDI-CAL. IT WOULD
11 COVER POOR ADULTS AND HEALTHY FAMILIES AND MEDI-CAL WOULD BE
12 USED TO COVER CHILDREN. FUNDING FOR THIS INITIATIVE IS STILL A
13 LITTLE UNCLEAR. PART OF THIS WOULD COME FROM INDIVIDUAL AND
14 EMPLOYER MANDATES, AS WELL AS A FEE OF 4% AND 2% RESPECTIVELY
15 ON HOSPITALS AND PHYSICIANS. LET ME TOUCH BRIEFLY ON THE OTHER
16 PROPOSALS AND THEN MAKE A COUPLE OF KEY OBSERVATIONS. THE
17 SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM'S PROPOSAL, MR. PERATA'S LOOKS TO
18 COVER 4.2 MILLION OF THE 6 MILLION UNINSURED. THE REMAINING 2
19 MILLION INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE
20 CARE THROUGH VARIOUS SAFETY NET ORGANIZATIONS LIKE OUR
21 FACILITIES. ALL WORKING CALIFORNIANS AND THEIR CHILDREN WOULD
22 BE ELIGIBLE. EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES WOULD SHARE IN
23 CONTRIBUTIONS. EMPLOYERS WOULD HAVE THE OPTION TO CONTINUE TO
24 PROVIDE HEALTHCARE INSURANCE OR PAY INTO A PURCHASING POOL.
25 FINALLY, ASSEMBLY SPEAKER NUNEZ'S PROPOSAL LOOKS TO PROVIDE



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1 COVERAGE TO ALL CALIFORNIA CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH INCOMES
2 UP TO 300% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL AND IT WOULD LOOK TO
3 HELP OTHER WORKING CALIFORNIANS, INCLUDING THE SELF-EMPLOYED,
4 ACCESS HEALTHCARE COVERAGE, EITHER THROUGH THEIR EMPLOYERS OR
5 THROUGH A PURCHASING COOPERATIVE. THOSE ARE KIND OF A JUST A
6 VERY HIGH LEVEL SUMMARY OF THE THREE PROPOSALS AND NONE OF
7 THEM HAVE A LOT OF DETAIL AND WE ARE ALL LEFT WITH SIGNIFICANT
8 UNANSWERED QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT. IT IS CLEAR AT THIS
9 JUNCTURE IN THE DISCUSSION THAT THERE'S NOT ENOUGH SPECIFICITY
10 OR DATA YET FROM THE STATE TO DETERMINE TO WHAT EXTENT THE
11 PROPOSED COVERAGE OF THE MEDICALLY UNINSURED AND INCREASED
12 MEDI-CAL AND OTHER INSURANCE RATES WILL OFFSET THE PROPOSED
13 REDUCTION IN HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET REALIGNMENT AND OTHER
14 SAFETY NET CARE POOL FUNDING. SO, IN SHORT, WE DON'T REALLY
15 UNDERSTAND YET HOW THE PROPOSED INCREASES IN AREAS AND
16 PROPOSED DECREASES IN AREAS MIGHT IMPACT OUR FUNDING AND OTHER
17 COUNTIES ARE IN THE SAME POSITION. IT IS ALSO NOT KNOWN TO
18 WHAT EXTENT NEWLY INSURED PATIENTS WILL CONTINUE TO FREQUENT
19 COUNTY OPERATED HEALTH FACILITIES. IT IS WORTH POINTING OUT
20 THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF OUR ADMISSIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 HEALTH SERVICES FACILITIES COME THROUGH THE EMERGENCY ROOM AND
22 CERTAINLY IN THE NEAR TERM, ONE WOULD EXPECT THAT TO CONTINUE,
23 BUT GOING FORWARD IS A DIFFERENT QUESTION. THE CALIFORNIA
24 HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION HAS RETAINED A CONSULTANT TO DETERMINE
25 THE INITIATIVE'S IMPACT ON EACH OF ITS MEMBERS, INCLUDING LOS



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1 ANGELES COUNTY, AND WE ARE ALSO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE
2 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS ON A MODEL IN THIS
3 REGARD AND HAVE CAPH HAS BEGUN DIALOGUE WITH STATE STAFF. CAPH
4 HAS DONE A FINE JOB SUMMARIZING A NUMBER OF THE AREAS IN WHICH
5 MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED FROM THE STATE IN ORDER TO DO A
6 MORE COMPLETE ANALYSIS OF THE INITIATIVE. WE HAVE INCLUDED
7 THOSE KEY QUESTIONS AS ATTACHMENT "C" IN THIS DOCUMENT. AT
8 THIS POINT, THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO SUPPORT UNIVERSAL
9 COVERAGE AND ANY SUSTAINABLE MEANS TO EXPAND COVERAGE TO
10 PROVIDE GREATER ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE FOR ALL
11 CALIFORNIANS. THAT BEING SAID, HOWEVER, IT IS CRITICAL THAT
12 THE PROPOSED COVERAGE OF THE MEDICALLY UNINSURED AND INCREASED
13 MEDI-CAL RATES OFFSET THE PROPOSED REDIRECTION OF SOME CURRENT
14 FUNDING FROM COUNTIES AND THAT WE RETAIN AN ADEQUATE
15 HEALTHCARE PROVIDER SAFETY NET. THERE NEEDS TO BE ENOUGH
16 FUNDING COMING INTO THE COUNTY TO PAY FOR THE CARE FOR
17 EVERYONE WHO WILL STILL BE COMING TO US FOR SERVICES. WE ARE
18 CONCERNED ABOUT HOW AFFORDABILITY WILL ALSO PLAY INTO THIS.
19 AFFORDABLE INSURANCE WILL BE ACTUALLY BE FOR THOSE NOT
20 QUALIFYING FOR MEDI-CAL AND THE GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE INCLUDES
21 A 5,000-DOLLAR DEDUCTIBLE WITH A MAXIMUM OUT OF POCKET COST OF
22 \$7,500 PER PERSON OR AND \$10,000 PER FAMILY, WHICH WILL NOT BE
23 ACHIEVABLE FOR MANY LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES. DOES THIS
24 ESSENTIALLY SORT OF TRANSLATE INTO CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE OR
25 WILL THERE INDEED BE FULL COVERAGE? WE DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER



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1 TO THAT QUESTION. AT THIS POINT, BEFORE YOUR BOARD AND IN
2 CONJUNCTION WITH OUR EFFORTS TO LOOK AT THIS WITH THE C.A.O.'S
3 OFFICE AND OUR OTHER LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT STAFF, WE BELIEVE THE
4 COUNTY SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE GOAL OF EXTENDED
5 HEALTHCARE COVERAGE PURSUED BY ALL THREE OF THE PROPOSALS
6 REFERENCED ABOVE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME USING THIS
7 OPPORTUNITY TO HELP STABILIZE THE FUNDING AND CRITICALLY
8 NEEDED SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET IN THIS
9 STATE AND MOST SPECIFICALLY IN THIS COUNTY. THE BOARD SHOULD
10 DIRECT THE C.A.O. AND D.H.S., IN CONJUNCTION WITH STATE AND
11 HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATIONS CITED ABOVE IN MY EARLIER COMMENTS, TO
12 CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF FINANCIAL MODELS CAPABLE
13 OF ACCURATELY ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF VARIOUS HEALTHCARE
14 REFORM PROPOSALS AND THEIR INEVITABLE REVISIONS IN THE COMING
15 MONTHS. BASED ON THE DATA PRODUCED BY THESE MODELS, THE BOARD
16 SHOULD DIRECT THE C.A.O. AND D.H.S. TO ADVISE IT REGARDING
17 APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF
18 THESE PROPOSALS.

19
20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME ASK GARY WELLS,
21 HAVE YOU-- OBVIOUSLY, YOU HAVE LOOKED AT THIS. \$2 BILLION IN
22 THE SO-CALLED COUNTY REDIRECT, WHICH IS IN THE GOVERNOR'S
23 PROPOSAL THAT WOULD TAKE \$2 BILLION OF MONEY THAT NOW GOES TO
24 COUNTIES FOR HOSPITALS? OR FOR HEALTHCARE IN GENERAL?

25



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1 **GARY WELLS:** I THINK THE DOCUMENT FROM THE STATE IS A LITTLE
2 ACCUSING. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THERE'S ONLY \$1 BILLION BEING
3 TAKEN BECAUSE THE OTHER BILLION DOLLARS THAT'S DISCUSSED IS
4 ACTUALLY A BILLION DOLLARS THAT COUNTIES IN THE U.C. SYSTEM
5 ARE ALREADY PUTTING UP FOR THE DSH PROGRAM. SO EVEN THOUGH
6 THEY'VE IDENTIFIED \$2 BILLION, IN FACT A BILLION OF THAT IS
7 MONEY THAT'S ALREADY IN THE PROGRAM AND MY UNDERSTANDING WILL
8 BE LEFT IN COUNTIES TO DRAW DOWN DSH FUNDS, WHICH THE FEDERAL
9 GOVERNMENT HAS OPINED FROM TIME TO TIME ARE USEABLE FOR
10 UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS, UNLIKE SOME OTHER MEDICAID FUNDS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THE BILLION-- THERE'S A BILLION
13 BEING PUT INTO THE REDIRECT CATEGORY AND THAT BILLION IS NOT
14 ACTUALLY BEING TAKEN AWAY IS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, IT'S GOING TO
15 BE THERE TO BE DRAWN DOWN ON?

16

17 **GARY WELLS:** THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING. IN FACT, I DON'T KNOW
18 WHETHER YOU HAVE THE REPORT...

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THEN WHY DO THEY SAY THAT THIS IS
21 GOING TO SAVE THE STATE MONEY WHEN THE GOVERNOR HAD HIS
22 CONFERENCE CALL OR HIS MEDIA THING?

23

24 **GARY WELLS:** YEAH. I THINK THAT'S A VIEWPOINT THAT'S BEEN
25 EXPRESSED BY THE STATE. I DON'T SEE ANYTHING QUANTITATIVE AT



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1 THIS POINT IN TIME THAT WOULD INDICATE THAT THIS PLAN IS GOING
2 TO SAVE THE STATE MONEY. NOW, THEY'RE GOING TO DRAW
3 ADDITIONAL-- THEY HOPE TO DRAW ADDITIONAL FEDERAL DOLLARS IN
4 TO FINANCE THE COVERAGE EXPANSION.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHEN I SAY SAVE THE STATE MONEY, I
7 MEANT THAT THE BILLION DOLLARS WOULD BE A BILLION DOLLARS LESS
8 THAT THE STATE HAD TO WORRY ABOUT. IT MAY STILL COST THEM
9 MONEY, BUT IT WOULD BE A BILLION DOLLARS LESS?

10

11 **GARY WELLS:** YES, FROM THAT ASPECT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU DON'T SEE ANYTHING THAT WOULD
14 SUGGEST...

15

16 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, I MEAN, THEY ADVERTISE THEIR PROGRAM TO COST
17 \$12.1 BILLION IN TOTAL IN THE REPORT THEY PREPARED. I SUPPOSE
18 ONE COULD LOOK AT HOW THAT \$12.1 BILLION IS FUNDED AND IF
19 REALIGNMENT WAS NOT TAKEN FROM COUNTIES TO FUND PART OF THAT
20 12.1 AND THEY STILL WANTED A 12.1-BILLION-DOLLAR PROGRAM,
21 PRESUMABLY THE STATE WOULD HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER SOURCE OF THE
22 MONEY, WHICH MAY BE THE STATE GENERAL FUND. SO, FROM THAT
23 STANDPOINT, I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY IT'S SAVING THE STATE
24 MONEY BECAUSE THEY ARE FINDING A SOURCE OUTSIDE OF THE STATE
25 FOR SOME OF THE FUNDING FOR THE \$12.1 BILLION. AS FAR AS THE



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1 ENTIRE PROGRAM, HOWEVER, WHAT THIS PROGRAM DOES IS ATTEMPT TO
2 EXTEND COVERAGE. THEY MAKE SOME STATEMENTS THAT THEY THINK
3 THAT CARE WILL BE PROVIDED MORE EFFICIENTLY, ET CETERA, BUT
4 THE DETAILS THAT DRIVE THOSE PROMISES I DON'T FIND IN ANY KIND
5 OF ABUNDANT DISPLAY IN THE DOCUMENTS THEY'VE PRODUCED TO DATE.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MS. BURKE.

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** IF HEALTHY FAMILIES IS PROVIDED TO ALL CHILDREN,
10 WOULDN'T THE STATE HAVE TO MAKE UP THOSE FUNDS THAT IN THE
11 PAST THEY HAVE NOT BEEN MAKING UP TO MEET THE FEDERAL MATCH?

12

13 **GARY WELLS:** RIGHT. AND, I MEAN, THEY SEE-- THERE ARE A NUMBER
14 OF SOURCES OF FUNDING THAT ARE ARTICULATED IN THE STATE PLAN.
15 ONE IS, AS WE JUST DISCUSSED, A BILLION DOLLARS OF REALIGNMENT
16 FUNDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY GOING TO COUNTIES. THERE'S ALSO A 4%-
17 - I'M GOING TO CALL IT A FEE, EVERYTHING ELSE I READ EXCEPT
18 FOR WHAT THE GOVERNOR SAYS CALLS THIS A TAX, BUT THERE'S A FEE
19 ON DOCTORS OF 4% OF THEIR GROSS REVENUES-- EXCUSE ME, 2% OF
20 THEIR GROSS REVENUES, 4% ON HOSPITALS OF THEIR GROSS REVENUES
21 AND ALSO AN INDIVIDUAL MANDATE-- EXCUSE ME, AN EMPLOYER
22 MANDATE THAT SAYS THAT IF AN EMPLOYER CHOOSES NOT TO PROVIDE
23 THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF INSURANCE THAT WILL BE REQUIRED UNDER THE
24 PLAN, THAT EMPLOYER MUST PUT IN 4% OF HIS OR HER PAYROLL IF HE
25 RUNS A BUSINESS THAT HAS 10 WORKERS OR MORE. IT'S ALSO POINTED



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1 OUT IN SOME OF THE WRITINGS THAT OVER 80% OF THE BUSINESSES IN
2 CALIFORNIA HAVE 10 WORKERS OR LESS AND WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO
3 THE EMPLOYER MANDATE. BUT THOSE ARE ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS THAT
4 COULD BE USED IN YOUR EXAMPLE TO PROVIDE STATE MATCH FOR
5 ADDITIONAL HEALTHY FAMILIES AND MEDI-CAL REVENUES.

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, WITH HEALTHY FAMILIES ORDINARILY DOESN'T A
8 FAMILY HAVE TO PAY \$9 A MONTH OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

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10 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** IT DEPENDS, SUPERVISOR, ON THE INCOME LEVEL
11 OF THE FAMILY AND THE NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN BUT THAT'S
12 IN THE BALLPARK FOR SPECIFIC KINDS OF FAMILIES, YES.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, IS THAT ELIMINATED OR IS THAT DISCUSSED OR
15 WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THIS 5,000 DOLLAR DEDUCTIBLE, I ASSUME
16 THAT'S NOT FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES, THAT WOULD BE FOR THE OTHER
17 ADULTS?

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19 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, THAT'S MY ASSUMPTION AS WELL.

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT WHAT ABOUT THE \$9? YOU KNOW, I KEEP HEARING
22 AGAIN AND AGAIN, I'VE HEARD SENATOR FEINSTEIN SAY IT ALSO THAT
23 SO OFTEN HEALTHY FAMILIES IS NOT UTILIZED BY FAMILIES BECAUSE
24 OF THIS AMOUNT, LET'S SAY-- I THINK THE AVERAGE IS \$9 PER
25 CHILD, SO THAT THEY WILL GET IT WHEN THERE'S AN IMMEDIATE



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1 CRISIS BUT, ON A LONG-TERM BASIS, OFTEN HEALTHY FAMILIES DO
2 NOT CONTINUE BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY. SO I
3 WONDER IF THESE THINGS ARE ALREADY CORRECTED IN THIS PROPOSAL.
4 OR IS IT STILL AN AMOUNT THAT YOU HAVE TO STILL PAY FOR
5 HEALTHY FAMILIES?

6

7 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, MY READING OF THE PROPOSAL AND
8 I'LL DEFER TO GARY TO HIS OPINION AS WELL HERE, BUT, TO MY
9 READING OF THE PROPOSAL, IT'S SILENT ON THE ISSUE.

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S SILENT. I SEE. OKAY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT A LOT OF THE PROPOSALS ARE KIND
16 OF-- THEY'RE NEBULOUS TO US FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ANY CLARITY
17 OR ANY SPECIFICS BUT WE DO KNOW A COUPLE OF SPECIFIC THINGS.
18 FOR EXAMPLE, NONE OF THEM CHANGED SECTION 17,000, CORRECT?

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20 **BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH MEANS THAT WE ARE STILL LIABLE AND
23 RESPONSIBLE AND MUST FULLY PAY FOR ALL INDIGENTS, CORRECT?

24

25 **GARY WELLS:** YES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, UNDER THIS PROGRAM, WHO WOULD BE THE
3 INDIGENT?

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5 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, THE INDIGENTS WOULD START FOR COUNTIES WITH
6 UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS. SECONDARILY, THERE REALLY SHOULD BE NO
7 INDIGENTS PAST THAT CATEGORY FROM A THEORETICAL STANDPOINT.
8 THE PROBLEM IS GOING TO BE, AS BRUCE HAS ALLUDED TO, THE
9 \$5,000 DEDUCTIBLE, \$10,000 PER FAMILY FROM A PRACTICAL
10 STANDPOINT IS GOING TO CAUSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE COVERAGE REALLY
11 NOT TO HAVE COVERAGE FOR, LIKE, THE FIRST \$5,000 WORTH OF
12 CARE. AND SO THAT...

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WE COULD-- BUT THAT COULD BE, AGAIN, WHEN A
15 PERSON HAS AN OPTION AND THEY CHOOSE TO TAKE THE FREE ROUTE OR
16 TO PAY, WE CAN-- I MEAN, WE CAN LOOK AT A PARAMETER OF
17 ENFORCEMENT. IF A FAMILY QUALIFIES TO PROVIDE INSURANCE AND
18 THEY JUST DON'T WANT TO PAY THE \$5,000, NONE OF US CAN AFFORD
19 IT, IN A SENSE, WE CAN ALWAYS PUT THAT UP BUT IF-- BUT AS A
20 COUNTY, I'M TRYING TO SEE IF WE HAVE LOOKED AT SOME BASELINES
21 OF PARAMETERS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THAT INSTANCE, WE COULD ASK FOR
22 THAT IF A FAMILY WAS QUALIFIED, THEY SHOULDN'T BE UTILIZING
23 OUR SYSTEM, CORRECT?

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1 **GARY WELLS:** THAT'S TRUE. I GUESS THE EXCEPTION TO THAT IS OUR
2 EMERGENCY ROOMS AND WE CAN'T TURN THEM AWAY IN OUR EMERGENCY
3 ROOMS AND CURRENTLY SOMEWHERE, DEPENDING ON THE FACILITY, 70
4 TO 90% OF OUR ADMISSIONS, WHICH ARE OUR COSTLIEST TYPE OF
5 CARE, COME THROUGH OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS. SO AS A PRACTICAL
6 MATTER...

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEN, AGAIN, THAT IS A BOTTOM LINE, THEN, ONE
9 OF THE THINGS THAT WE MUST EXIST THAT NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED AS
10 TO WHAT ARE THE ALTERNATIVES TO THAT, SO WE DO KNOW SOME
11 THINGS. THE ISSUE OF THE UNDOCUMENTED IS ANOTHER ONE. I MEAN,
12 I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN IDENTIFY THEM BUT WE CLEARLY KNOW
13 THAT'S GOING TO HAVE A HUGE IMPACT. NOW, WHAT MONEY WOULD BE
14 LEFT FOR US UNDER THE UNDOCUMENTED PROGRAM? THE MONEY WE
15 RECEIVE TODAY. IT'S ALREADY BREAKING US NOW. WHAT WOULD--
16 UNDER THIS PROPOSAL, WHAT WOULD BE LEFT?

17

18 **GARY WELLS:** WELL, WHAT WOULD BE LEFT, INITIALLY, IS THE
19 BILLION DOLLARS OR THAT PORTION THAT'S BEING PUT UP BY US PLUS
20 THE MATCHING FUNDS UNDER THE DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PROGRAM.
21 THEY TALK A LOT ABOUT RAISING MEDI-CAL RATES, SO PRESUMABLY WE
22 WOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE MEDI-CAL PATIENTS WE
23 TREAT BUT IT'S NOT SPECIFIC WITH RESPECT TO HOW MUCH THOSE
24 RATES ARE GOING TO BE RAISED AND FOR WHAT CATEGORIES OF
25 PATIENTS THEY'RE GOING TO BE RAISED.



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SUP. MOLINA: SO THE ISSUE IS, IS THAT-- AND I APPRECIATE,
WHETHER IT BE THE GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OR THE SENATOR TAKING
UP THIS ISSUE, I JUST THINK THAT THEY NEED TO HAVE A DIALOGUE
WITH US, WE NEED TO BE IN COMMAND OF OUR PARAMETERS AND I JUST
DON'T SEE THAT HAPPENING. I DON'T SEE US WAITING AROUND UNTIL
THE DETAILS COME OUT. I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A FULL FLEDGED
DISCUSSION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT THIS IS
HOW, BOTTOM LINE, THIS IS OUR BOTTOM LINE, SO THERE'S NO WAY.
AND SO, CONSEQUENTLY, NOT PROVIDING HEALTHCARE FOR THOSE
INDIVIDUALS IS GOING TO CREATE WHAT KIND OF A CONSEQUENCE. WE
CAN'T AFFORD TO DO IT AS IT IS, EVEN UNDER THE SCENARIO TODAY,
WE ALREADY HAVE A HUGE DEFICIT THAT WE CONTINUE TO FACE. SO
WHAT WOULD THAT MEAN? I THINK PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW THAT. I
THINK OUR LEGISLATORS NEED TO BE ARMED WITH THOSE PARAMETERS,
TO BEGIN ASKING THE QUESTION BEFORE THEY SIGN ON BLINDLY. I
DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SPEAKER KNOWS AS THE PARAMETERS. I'VE
ASKED TO MEET WITH HIS STAFF AND EVERY TIME WE MEET WITH THEM,
THEY DON'T HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING, UNLESS YOU KNOW
OTHERWISE.

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GARY WELLS: NO.

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SUP. MOLINA: ALL RIGHT. IT'S CLEAR, THEY DON'T HAVE A CLEAR
UNDERSTANDING. SO ANYONE WHO IS AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION,

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1 PARTICULARLY IF YOU REPRESENT THIS DISTRICT, SHOULD HAVE A
2 CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PARAMETERS AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT-
3 - INSTEAD OF JUST WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS, LET'S JUST WAIT
4 FOR THE-- I MEAN, AT THE END OF THE DAY, NOTHING MAY HAPPEN.
5 BUT I DO THINK THAT, IF WE ARE GOING TO PARTNER WITH THEM AND
6 I WISH TO, BECAUSE WHETHER IT BE THE GOVERNOR, THE SENATOR OR
7 THE SPEAKER, THEY NEED TO UNDERSTAND SO THAT, AT THE END OF
8 THE DAY WHEN THE DETAILS COME OUT, WE'RE GOING TO SAY, OH, BUT
9 WE CAN'T DO THAT BECAUSE OF THIS, WE CAN'T DO THAT. I WOULD
10 RATHER THEY KNOW OUR PARAMETERS ON DAY ONE. THEY SORT OF
11 ENGAGED US AND REALLY THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
12 CAN'T REPRESENT OUR INTEREST, THEY REALLY CAN'T. I MEAN, A
13 PART OF IT BECAUSE THEY'RE IN THE SAME BOAT WE ARE BUT NOT THE
14 COUNTY'S INTEREST. SO I'D LIKE TO SEE A STRATEGY AS TO WHAT
15 WE'RE GOING TO DO ON SOME OF OUR VERY BASIC PARAMETERS AS FAR
16 AS INFORMING OUR DELEGATION, I MEAN, GETTING THE SPEAKER'S
17 OFFICE TO LOOK AT IT. HE MAY DISAGREE. HE MAY SAY TOUGH LUCK,
18 YOU'VE GOT IT TAKE ALL 17,000, AT THE END OF THE DAY, I'M
19 DOING THIS MUCH AND THAT'S ALL I'M GOING TO DO. BUT I DON'T
20 LIKE THE IDEA THAT THEY DON'T KNOW AND I HAVE A FEELING THAT
21 THEY DON'T. AND I THINK WE NEED TO BE VERY ASSERTIVE BECAUSE
22 THESE THINGS MIGHT START BEGINNING TO TAKE AN AWFUL LOT OF
23 LIFE. NOW, THEY MIGHT DIE OUT JUST ON THE EMPLOYER
24 REQUIREMENTS. I MEAN, THEY'RE A VERY STRONG LOBBY, AS YOU
25 KNOW, AND THEY'RE GOING TO STATE THEIR PARAMETERS FROM DAY



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1 ONE. HELL, NO, WE WON'T PAY. I MEAN, THAT'S THEIR BOTTOM LINE,
2 WHETHER IT BE TWO EMPLOYEES OR 650 EMPLOYEES, SO THEY'RE GOING
3 TO STAKE OUT THEIR PARAMETERS ON DAY ONE. THE WHOLE POOL ISSUE
4 IS, YOU KNOW, I MEAN, WHEN I WAS IN THE LEGISLATURE, WE DID
5 THE POOL AND WHAT HAPPENED IS EVERYBODY, YOU KNOW, BOUGHT INTO
6 IT AND SO THOSE THAT WERE ALREADY PROVIDING SOME LEVEL OF CARE
7 JUST-- SO WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND SOME OF THOSE ISSUES AND
8 THAT'S THE PART I'M NOT FEELING COMFORTABLE ABOUT THIS AS WE
9 APPROACH IT. I KNOW WE DON'T KNOW MUCH AND I APPRECIATE THAT
10 BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T PUT A LOT OF MEAT ON THE BONES BUT WE
11 KNOW A LOT AND WE KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING TO GET HIT AND THAT
12 IS IN SECTION 17000. NONE OF THEM ADDRESS IT. AND THAT IS OUR
13 BIGGEST LIABILITY EVERY SINGLE DAY FOR ALL COUNTIES. SOME
14 COUNTIES, LIKE SAN DIEGO AND OTHERS, ORANGE COUNTY, THEY JUST
15 THROW A COUPLE MILLION INTO A POT AND SAY, HERE'S ALL YOU GET.
16 WE DON'T DO THAT HERE. SO WE CAN'T CHANGE OUR SYSTEM TO MIMIC
17 OTHERS AT THIS POINT IN TIME. SO, I MEAN, UNLESS YOU, YOU
18 KNOW, YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW ABOUT, I REALLY DO
19 THINK WE KNOW OUR OWN PARAMETERS AND WE NEED TO ENGAGE OUR
20 DELEGATION, WHICH IS A HUGE DELEGATION, ON BOTH SIDES OF THE
21 AISLE ON THIS ISSUE. EMPLOYERS ARE GOING TO BE UP THERE, THE
22 CHAMBERS ARE GOING TO BE UP THERE TALKING ABOUT WE CAN'T TAKE
23 ONE MORE HIT AND THEY NEED TO BE PART OF THIS PARTNERSHIP. BUT
24 IF WE'RE GOING TO BE A PARTNER WITH THEM IN ANY WAY
25 WHATSOEVER, THEY NEED TO UNDERSTAND OUR BOTTOM LINE. TAKING A



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1 BILLION BUCKS FROM US AND MAYBE NOT ANOTHER BILLION, YOU KNOW,
2 PLUS THE OTHER KIND OF MEDICAID, MEDICARE PROBLEMS THAT WE'RE
3 HAVING RIGHT NOW POTENTIALLY WITH ALL THESE RULE CHANGES, WE
4 KNOW SOME OF OUR BOTTOM LINE. SO I DON'T SEE US OPERATING IN
5 ANY KIND OF A STRATEGIC PLAN OF MEETINGS, OF TALKING TO OUR
6 FOLKS. I MEAN, WE'RE HAVING A LUNCHEON THIS WEEK. IS IT THIS
7 WEEK OR NEXT WEEK OR DID IT HAPPEN LAST WEEK? WITH OUR
8 FRESHMEN MEMBERS FROM OUR DELEGATION?

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAD THEM HERE A FEW WEEKS AGO
11 BUT NOT FOR LUNCH. IT WASN'T A MEETING.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I JUST THINK THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME VERY
14 BASIC IN SERVICE THAT GOES ON WITH THIS, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK
15 THEY GET IT. I KNOW, AS AN ASSEMBLY PERSON FROM REPRESENTING
16 THIS COUNTY, I HAD TO DO A LOT OF MY OWN WORK TO GET
17 INFORMATION AND IT DIDN'T-- THERE WAS NEVER ANY PROACTIVE WORK
18 THE OTHER WAY AROUND ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES AT THAT TIME AND
19 I STILL DON'T SEE IT, SO I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IT. SO, UNLESS
20 I'M WRONG, WE ALREADY KNOW SOME BASELINES, DON'T WE?

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22 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS
23 YES. I THINK WE DO. WE'VE SPENT THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS WITH
24 THESE PROPOSALS OUT THERE TRYING TO GET A GOOD UNDERSTANDING
25 OF WHERE THE VARIOUS STATE LEADERS THINK THEY'RE GOING WITH



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1 THESE PROPOSALS SO THAT WE CAN PUT TOGETHER THE KIND OF
2 STRATEGY IN RESPONSE AND THE KIND OF EDUCATION AND RESPONSE
3 THAT MAKES SENSE TO THE WORLD THAT'S BEEN PLACED IN FRONT OF
4 US. WE ARE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT WORKING ACTIVELY ON A SERIES
5 OF STRATEGIC OPTIONS AND AGREE WITH YOUR POSITION THAT
6 EDUCATING OUR LOCAL AND STATE LEADERS...

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHEN IS THAT HAPPENING?

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10 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, WE ARE ACTIVELY WORKING ON IT.
11 I THINK WE NEED AT LEAST A COUPLE MORE WEEKS TO FINISH WHAT WE
12 THINK IS A THOUGHTFUL PLAN.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. BECAUSE I DIDN'T GET THAT IMPRESSION
15 FROM THE PRESENTATION TODAY THAT YOU'RE WORKING ON A PLAN FOR
16 THAT. I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT BECAUSE I THINK IT NEEDS TO HAPPEN
17 BECAUSE, VERY SIMILAR TO THE QUESTION THAT MS. BURKE ASKED, I
18 MEAN, IT IS TRUE THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE THAT JUST WON'T OPT TO
19 SIGN UP FOR HEALTHY CHILDREN OR-- THEY JUST DON'T. THEY SAY
20 IT'S EASIER, I'LL JUST GO TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM, TAKE MY KIDS
21 THERE, IT'S EASIER. AND SO WE'RE ENDING UP WITH THAT BURDEN
22 AND THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT COULD QUALIFY FOR THEM AND WE TRY
23 AND QUALIFY THEM WHEN THEY'RE THERE, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING,
24 AND THEN THEY COME OUT OF IT BECAUSE THEY DON'T PAY THE SIX,
25 NINE BUCKS OR WHATEVER IT IS FOR EACH CHILD. SO WE NEED TO



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1 UNDERSTAND SOME OF THAT BOTTOM LINE. THE REASON I SAY IS THAT
2 IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO SAY WE OPPOSE IT BECAUSE OF THIS. I
3 REALLY DO THINK WE NEED TO WORK WITH THEM. I MEAN, I AM ELATED
4 THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE WILLING TO PUT A PLAN FORWARD
5 BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, WE KNOW WHERE THE MONEY'S COMING FROM.
6 I THINK IT'S COMING OUT OF OUR HIDE. I MEAN, THAT'S THE
7 IMPRESSION I GET AND I CAN'T SEE THAT THEY'RE PUTTING ANY REAL
8 MONEY ON THE TABLE AS YET, BECAUSE IT HASN'T BEEN DEFINED. SO
9 WE NEED TO LET THEM KNOW THAT TAKING OR CHANGING THIS, JUST
10 LIKE, YOU KNOW, THE C.H.P. FAMILIES WHEN THEY FIRST INTRODUCED
11 THAT TO US AND TOLD US, "DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET
12 ANY OF THESE KIDS ANY MORE BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL GOING TO BE
13 COVERED." WELL, WE DO EVERY DAY. AND SO, CONSEQUENTLY, WE NEED
14 TO HAVE SOME BOTTOM LINE AND WE HAVE TO HAVE A STRATEGY AND
15 THAT HAS TO BE COMMUNICATED, SO OUR DELEGATION, IF NOTHING
16 ELSE, KNOWS. THEY MAY NOT AGREE WITH US. THAT'S A DIFFERENT
17 ISSUE. BUT AT LEAST THEY KNOW, WHEN THIS PROPOSAL COMES UP,
18 THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ASKED. AT THE END OF
19 THE DAY, IF THEY AGREE AND SAY, YOU KNOW, THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM
20 AND WE DON'T WANT TO WORK WITH IT, THAT'S GOOD, BUT I REALLY
21 DON'T KNOW THAT THE SPEAKER OR THE GOVERNOR-- I THINK THAT
22 SENATOR PIRALTA MAY KNOW, HAVING BEEN A SUPERVISOR, THE IMPACT
23 OF SECTION 17,000 BUT I TRULY DO NOT BELIEVE AND, AGAIN, I
24 KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE GOVERNOR'S ADMINISTRATION THAT
25 UNDERSTAND BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN IN OTHER ADMINISTRATIONS WHERE



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1 WE'VE GONE OVER THERE AND POUNDED THEM ON SECTION 17000. BUT I
2 REALLY DO THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF LEGISLATORS THAT HAVE TO
3 HAVE A CLEARER, BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE KIND OF IMPACT
4 THAT HAS AND WHAT IT'S GOING TO MEAN FOR THEIR CONSTITUENTS.
5 BECAUSE, EVEN IF YOU PROVIDE HEALTHCARE TO EVERYBODY, THERE'S
6 GOING TO BE THIS LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE IT, SO
7 THEY'RE GOING TO OVERWHELM THE SYSTEM, AND WHAT IS THAT GOING
8 TO MEAN FOR US? AT CERTAIN POINT IN TIME, I MEAN, IF WE GO
9 BELLY UP IN SOME OF OUR HOSPITALS AND OTHER AREAS, WHAT DOES
10 THAT MEAN FOR THE HEALTHCARE OF L.A. COUNTY OR THE HEALTH--
11 THE HEALTHINESS OF L.A. COUNTY? SO I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
12 THAT PLAN. I'D LIKE TO SEE HOW WE'RE ENGAGING THE LEGISLATORS,
13 WHAT WE'RE DOING, WHAT WE'RE BRIEFING THEM ON, EVEN THOUGH WE
14 DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS, WE KNOW SOME OF OUR BOTTOM LINES AND I
15 THINK THEY NEED TO KNOW THEM AS WELL. IT'S HARD TO GET THEIR
16 ATTENTION BUT IT IS AN IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY, ROLE TO PLAY.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PROBLEM, JUST AN OBSERVATION, IS
19 THAT THE WAY LEGISLATION GETS DONE UP THERE MORE AND MORE IS
20 THE WAY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT REFORM GOT DONE, IN THE BACK ROOM
21 WITH A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT WILL GET DONE THIS WAY, TOO.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU BET IT WILL.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** ABSOLUTELY. BUT I WOULD LOVE NOTHING BETTER THAN
3 TO HAVE SOMEBODY WHO SAYS, "YEAH, I GET IT BUT I'M NOT GOING
4 TO PAY ATTENTION TO IT."

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO I THINK THE SPEAKER IS GOING TO
7 BE VERY IMPORTANT ON THIS. MR. KNABE.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I MEAN, I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS WE NEED TO
10 KNOW ON ALL THREE PROPOSALS IS HOW THEY'RE GOING TO AFFECT OUR
11 COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN, AS AN EXAMPLE. IT'S ALWAYS AMAZING TO
12 ME WHEN YOU DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH PLANS WITH
13 SOME OF OUR LEGISLATORS, THEIR UNFAMILIARITY WITH THAT
14 PARTICULAR ISSUE AND I'M NOT SURE THAT THAT WAS TAKEN INTO
15 CONSIDERATION IN ANY OF THESE PLANS WHAT THAT IMPACT MAY BE
16 AND SOME OTHER OPPORTUNITIES. ALSO, UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S
17 PROPOSAL, THERE'S THAT ISSUE OF, YOU KNOW, COUNTY HOSPITALS
18 AND THE DOCS PAYING THE 4% AND 2% OF THE GROSS REVENUE. ARE
19 THEY GOING TO BE EXEMPT FROM THAT UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S
20 PROPOSAL?

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22 **GARY WELLS:** THERE'S CURRENTLY NO INDICATION THAT WE WILL BUT,
23 AGAIN, I MEAN, THERE'S A LOT TO BE FLUSHED OUT BEFORE THEY
24 ACTUALLY PUT THIS IN A BILL, SO-- BUT, RIGHT NOW, I HAVEN'T
25 SEEN ANYTHING THAT WOULD EXEMPT US FROM THAT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. CHERNOF, HOW WOULD THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
7 IMPACT THE CURRENT 1115 WAIVER ON HIS PROPOSED HEALTH PLAN?

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9 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT QUESTION AND I'LL
10 HAVE GARY HERE WEIGH IN ON IT WITH ME BUT I BELIEVE WE REALLY
11 DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. OUR CURRENT 1115
12 WAIVER, WE'RE KIND OF MIDSTREAM IN THAT WAIVER. MY READING OF
13 THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL IS THAT IT ASSUMES THE NEED FOR AN
14 ADDITIONAL WAIVER OF SOME SORT AND WHAT THAT WOULD DO TO OUR
15 CURRENT WAIVER I THINK IS AN OPEN QUESTION. GARY, DO YOU HAVE
16 ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS?

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18 **GARY WELLS:** I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT. OUR CURRENT WAIVER HAS
19 ANOTHER THREE YEARS TO RUN. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW FAST...

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT IRONCLAD?

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23 **GARY WELLS:** PARDON?

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT IRONCLAD?



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GARY WELLS: I DON'T THINK SO. I THINK THE STATE-- I MEAN, ANY TIME THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD AGREE, THEY COULD AMEND THE CURRENT WAIVER, THEY COULD CANCEL THE CURRENT WAIVER AND REPLACE IT WITH A NEW WAIVER. I THINK DEFINITELY THERE WILL HAVE TO BE SOME REWORKING. I THINK THE REAL QUESTION WILL BE TIMING WITH THREE YEARS LEFT ON THE CURRENT WAIVER, HOW FAST WILL THIS THING GO FORWARD. MY GUESS IS THAT THE CURRENT WAIVER PROBABLY WILL RUN THROUGH AT LEAST NEXT FISCAL YEAR BEFORE ANY OF THIS WOULD COME ON BOARD.

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SUP. ANTONOVICH: THE TAKE AWAY OF A BILLION DOLLARS, HOW WOULD THAT IMPACT THE COUNTY'S BUDGET?

14

GARY WELLS: DRAMATICALLY.

16

SUP. ANTONOVICH: AND THAT WOULD BE IN THE '07/'08 FISCAL YEAR?

18

GARY WELLS: WELL, IT WILL BE WHEN THIS PROGRAM GETS LAUNCHED AND THERE'S NO CERTAINTY AT THIS POINT IN TIME AS TO WHEN THAT WILL OCCUR.

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SUP. ANTONOVICH: HOW DOES THAT IMPACT THE REALIGNMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ACCOUNTS?

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1 **GARY WELLS:** I THINK THERE'S A GENERAL VIEW THAT THOSE TWO
2 ACCOUNTS WON'T BE TOUCHED BUT NOT CERTAINTY AT THIS POINT.

3

4 **PHIL ANSELL:** GOOD MORNING-- GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M PHIL ANSELL
5 AND I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF OUR DIRECTOR, BRYCE YOKOMIZO,
6 WHO SENDS HIS REGARDS FROM JURY DUTY.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WAS THERE YESTERDAY ON JURY DUTY.

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10 **PHIL ANSELL:** I'M RESPONDING TODAY TO YOUR BOARD'S DIRECTION
11 TWO WEEKS AGO TO REPORT BACK ALONG WITH CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
12 OFFICER REGARDING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSALS FOR NEXT YEAR'S
13 BUDGET REGARDING THE CALWORKS PROGRAM. I'D LIKE TO FOCUS ON
14 THREE VERY SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL, ALL
15 OF WHICH INVOLVE THE TERMINATION OF CASH ASSISTANCE TO
16 CHILDREN. SPECIFICALLY, THE GOVERNOR PROPOSES TO ELIMINATE
17 CALWORKS ASSISTANCE FOR THREE CATEGORIES OF CHILDREN. FIRST,
18 CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS HAVE BEEN SANCTIONED FOR MORE THAN 90
19 DAYS FOR FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN WELFARE-TO-WORK ACTIVITY.
20 SECONDLY, PARENTS WHO HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR-- CHILDREN WHOSE
21 PARENTS HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR 16 MONTHS OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER
22 STATE LAW TO CALWORKS ASSISTANCE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
23 PARENTS WHO ARE ENGAGED IN SUFFICIENT HOURS OF FEDERALLY
24 ACCOUNTABLE WORK ACTIVITY TO MAINTAIN THEIR ELIGIBILITY. AND,
25 FINALLY, CHILDREN WHO HAVE THEMSELVES RECEIVED OVER 60 MONTHS



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1 OF ASSISTANCE AND WHOSE PARENTS ARE EITHER UNDOCUMENTED
2 IMMIGRANTS, INELIGIBLE DRUG FELONS OR INELIGIBLE FLEEING
3 FELONS. ALL THREE OF THESE PROPOSALS CONTRAST STARKLY WITH THE
4 CURRENT CALWORKS PROGRAM IN WHICH ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN IS
5 NEVER TERMINATED, REGARDLESS OF THE ACTIONS OR INACTION OF
6 THEIR PARENTS. AS DIRECTED BY YOUR BOARD, WE ASSESSED THE
7 IMPACT OF THESE PROPOSALS AND WE ESTIMATE THAT, IF ALL THREE
8 WERE ENACTED, BETWEEN 66,000 AND 91,000 CHILDREN WOULD LOSE
9 THEIR ASSISTANCE, RESULTING IN THE TERMINATION OF ALL CALWORKS
10 ASSISTANCE TO BETWEEN 32,000 AND 44,000 FAMILIES. IF THESE
11 PROPOSALS WERE ENACTED, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME OR ALL OF
12 THESE CHILDREN WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO GENERAL ASSISTANCE,
13 GENERAL RELIEF IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH, OF COURSE, IS
14 FUNDED 100% BY THE COUNTY. COUNTY COUNSEL IS STILL ASSESSING
15 WHICH OF THESE CATEGORIES OF CHILDREN WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR
16 GENERAL RELIEF IF TERMINATED FROM CALWORKS. IF THEY WERE
17 ULTIMATELY ELIGIBLE FOR GENERAL RELIEF, THERE WOULD OF COURSE
18 BE A VERY SUBSTANTIAL COST SHIFT TO THE COUNTY. WE ALSO LOOKED
19 AT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE IS RESEARCH EVIDENCE FROM
20 OTHER STATES OR LOCALITIES REGARDING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF FULL
21 FAMILY SANCTIONS OR FULL FAMILY TIME LIMITS IN ENCOURAGING
22 PARENTS TO MOVE FROM WELFARE TO WORK, AND THE RESEARCH
23 EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT THERE IS NO CONCLUSIVE DATA, NO CLEAR
24 CONCLUSIONS THAT FULL FAMILY SANCTIONS OR FULL FAMILY TIME
25 LIMITS ARE ANY MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THE PARTIAL FAMILY



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1 SANCTIONS AND PARTIAL FAMILY TIME LIMITS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT
2 IN CALIFORNIA IN MOVING PARENTS FROM WELFARE TO WORK. BASED ON
3 THIS ANALYSIS, OUR DEPARTMENT AND THE C.A.O. CONCUR IN LOOKING
4 AT CURRENT BOARD POLICY TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF A
5 SAFETY NET FOR CHILDREN AND TO OPPOSE COST SHIFT TO THE COUNTY
6 IN RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE-- OPPOSE THESE THREE
7 PROPOSALS BY THE GOVERNOR TO TERMINATE CASH ASSISTANCE FOR
8 THESE CATEGORIES OF CHILDREN. I'D LIKE TO ALSO NOTE THAT THE
9 CURRENT DESIGN OF THE CALWORKS PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE
10 CONTINUATION OF CASH ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN, IS BASED VERY
11 CLOSELY ON THE POLICY ADOPTED BY YOUR BOARD UNANIMOUSLY IN
12 NOVEMBER 1996 REGARDING STATE IMPLEMENTATION OF WELFARE
13 REFORM. AND YOUR BOARD'S UNANIMOUS POLICIES AT THAT TIME IN
14 RESPONSE JUST THREE MONTHS FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF FEDERAL
15 WELFARE REFORM PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE STRUCTURE
16 OF THE CALWORKS PROGRAM WHICH HAS PROVEN TO BE SO SUCCESSFUL
17 IN CALIFORNIA RESULTING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IN A 50%
18 REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AIDED ON THE CALWORKS
19 PROGRAM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SINCE THE PROGRAM WAS
20 IMPLEMENTED IN JANUARY 1998. WITH THAT, I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER
21 ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

22
23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANY QUESTIONS? MR. KNABE.



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** REGARDING THE FULL FAMILY SANCTIONS THAT YOU
2 MENTIONED, IS THERE ANY RESEARCH THAT THEY ARE BASING THEIR
3 PROPOSAL ON THAT YOU KNOW OF?

4

5 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, IN RESPONSE TO THAT QUESTION,
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ADMINISTRATION INDICATED THAT THEY WERE
7 BASING THEIR PROPOSAL ON ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE PROVIDED THROUGH
8 PHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH ONE STATE THAT CURRENTLY HAS FULL
9 FAMILY SANCTIONS. THE RESEARCH EVIDENCE COMPILED BY THE
10 BROOKINGS INSTITUTION, THE MANPOWER DEMONSTRATION RESEARCH
11 CORPORATION AND OTHERS CLEARLY CONCLUDES THAT THERE IS NO
12 EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT FULL FAMILY SANCTIONS ARE MORE EFFECTIVE
13 THAN PARTIAL FAMILY SANCTIONS IN PRODUCING THE DESIRED WELFARE
14 TO WORK PARTICIPATION.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** SO IF SOMEONE IS TERMINATED AFTER 60 MONTHS OF NOT
17 COMPLYING, THERE'S NO EVIDENCE THAT THAT WOULD SORT OF FORCE
18 COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROGRAM?

19

20 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, WE NEED TO DISTINGUISH HERE BETWEEN
21 THE SANCTION AND THE TIME LIMIT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

24



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1 **PHIL ANSELL:** UNDER CALIFORNIA STATE LAW, MOST ADULTS, WITH
2 SOME EXCEPTIONS, ARE ONLY ELIGIBLE TO 60 MONTHS OF ASSISTANCE
3 UNDER THE CALWORKS PROGRAM, INDEPENDENTLY OF FULL COMPLIANCE.
4 SO, FOR EXAMPLE, A PARENT MIGHT WORK FOR 20 HOURS A WEEK FOR
5 FIVE YEARS AND, AT THE END OF THAT FIVE YEARS, THE ASSISTANCE
6 TO THE ADULT WOULD BE TERMINATED, NOT WITHSTANDING FULL
7 COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION BY THE PARENT, SO THE ISSUE OF
8 THE TIME LIMITED ADULTS IS DISTINCT FROM THE SANCTIONED ADULTS
9 AND THE RESEARCH EVIDENCE DOES NOT SHOW THAT FULL FAMILY
10 SANCTIONS OR FULL FAMILY TIME LIMITS ARE ANY MORE SUCCESSFUL
11 IN CAUSING PARENTS TO MOVE FROM WELFARE TO WORK. AND, AS I
12 NOTED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THERE'S BEEN A 50% DECLINE IN THE
13 NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING CALWORKS AND A CORRESPONDING
14 DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES RECEIVING CALWORKS SINCE THE
15 PROGRAM WAS IMPLEMENTED IN JANUARY 1998 AND THAT IS
16 PRINCIPALLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO FAMILIES MOVING SUCCESSFULLY FROM
17 WELFARE TO WORK.

18
19 **SUP. KNABE:** THE ISSUE OF, YOU KNOW, WHERE A PARENT BEING
20 SANCTIONED FOR YEARS AND YET THE CHILD COULD STILL RECEIVE
21 AID, HOW ARE WE GOING TO BE ADDRESSING THAT?

22
23 **PHIL ANSELL:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, WE'VE BEEN EXTREMELY CONCERNED
24 ABOUT THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS SANCTIONED FOR NOT
25 PARTICIPATING IN WELFARE TO WORK IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND,



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1 IN FACT, CONTRACTED WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
2 SERVICE INTEGRATION BRANCH RESEARCH UNIT TO CONDUCT WHAT ARE
3 NOW BEEN TWO EXTREMELY EXTENSIVE STUDIES OF SANCTIONED
4 PARTICIPANTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. YOU MAY RECALL THAT, IN
5 AUGUST OF 2005, WE SUBMITTED TO YOUR BOARD A COMPREHENSIVE
6 ACTION PLAN WITH OVER 40 STRATEGIES TO REDUCE THE INCIDENTS OF
7 SANCTIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND I'M PLEASED TO REITERATE
8 THAT, IN THE FIRST 15 MONTHS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT
9 PLAN, WE'VE SECURED A 25% REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF
10 SANCTIONED PARTICIPANTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, FROM OVER
11 21,000 TO JUST OVER 16,000 SANCTIONED FAMILIES. AS A RESULT OF
12 VARIOUS ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD IN
13 SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES TO THIS YEAR'S BUDGET IN SEPTEMBER, WE
14 WILL NOW HAVE THE ABILITY TO BOTH FURTHER EXPAND ON THOSE
15 STRATEGIES AND IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES THAT WE'RE VERY
16 OPTIMISTIC WILL FURTHER REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SANCTIONED
17 PARTICIPANTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE HAVE FOUND SUCCESSFUL
18 STRATEGIES OF OUTREACHING TO NONCOMPLIANT, NOT YET SANCTIONED
19 PARTICIPANTS AND SANCTIONED PARTICIPANTS THAT HAVE PROVEN TO
20 WORK IN REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SANCTIONED PARTICIPANTS. AND,
21 AS I SAY, WE'RE VERY OPTIMISTIC THAT THE 20% REDUCTION IN THE
22 NUMBER OF SANCTIONED PARTICIPANTS THAT WE ACHIEVED IN THE
23 FIRST YEAR OF IMPLEMENTING THIS PLAN, WE WILL BE ABLE TO
24 REPLICATE AGAIN AND, IN FACT, WE HAVE OFFICIAL MANAGEMENT
25 PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR TIED TO AN



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1 ADDITIONAL 20% REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF SANCTIONED
2 PARTICIPANTS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MUCH DOES THE COUNTY SPEND ON THE
9 CHILDREN OF CALWORKS PARENTS WHO ARE HERE ILLEGALLY?

10

11 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, I'M AFRAID I DON'T HAVE THAT DATA
12 IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. I DO KNOW THAT WE'VE PROVIDED IT
13 PREVIOUSLY AND COULD CERTAINLY DO SO AGAIN.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S ABOUT \$270 MILLION A YEAR. HOW COULD
16 THOSE FUNDS BE REDIRECTED TO SERVE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE
17 LEGALLY?

18

19 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, UNDER THE CALWORKS PROGRAM,
20 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT LEGALLY IN THE UNITED STATES ARE NOT
21 ELIGIBLE TO ASSISTANCE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THEIR CHILDREN ARE.

24



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1 **PHIL ANSELL:** THAT'S CORRECT. U.S. CITIZEN CHILDREN WHO ARE IN
2 RARE INSTANCES WHERE THIS OCCURS, LEGAL IMMIGRANT CHILDREN ARE
3 ELIGIBLE TO ASSISTANCE UNDER THE CALWORKS PROGRAM.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN THAT'S ABOUT \$270 MILLION A YEAR,
6 NOT INCLUDING THE FOOD STAMPS, WHICH IS SIZABLE AS WELL. WHAT
7 IS THE LIKELIHOOD THAT CHILDREN THAT BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR--
8 RAY? THAT THESE CHILDREN MIGHT BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR GENERAL
9 RELIEF?

10

11 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
12 I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE CHILDREN THAT ARE GOING TO BE ELIMINATED
15 FROM THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL, HOW WOULD THEY BECOME ELIGIBLE
16 FOR GENERAL RELIEF OR WOULD THEY NOT BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR
17 GENERAL RELIEF?

18

19 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, THAT-- I'M SORRY I DIDN'T GRASP
20 THE QUESTION IMMEDIATELY THERE. THAT IS THE QUESTION WE ARE
21 LOOKING AT. IN THEORY, U.S. CITIZEN CHILDREN ARE ELIGIBLE,
22 UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR GENERAL RELIEF. THERE ARE
23 CERTAIN CRITERIA THAT MAKE THEM ELIGIBLE FOR GENERAL RELIEF
24 AND THE ISSUE OF THEIR PRECLUSION FOR ELIGIBILITY BY VIRTUE OF
25 A COUNTY CODE SECTION WOULD NOT COME INTO PLAY FOR CHILDREN OF



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1 UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE SO WE NEED TO CONTINUE LOOKING AT THOSE
2 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. BUT IT APPEARS THAT THEY MAY WELL BE
3 ELIGIBLE FOR GENERAL RELIEF AS U.S. CITIZEN CHILDREN.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? ALL RIGHT.
8 KEEP US POSTED REGULARLY ON THIS, NOT JUST AS MEETINGS BUT IF
9 THERE'S ANYTHING WE NEED TO DO.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** WASN'T THERE A MOTION TO...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THERE WAS ON THE HEALTH.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** ON THIS ONE.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S ONE ON THIS ONE?

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THERE IS ON THIS AS WELL AND THAT'S TO OPPOSE.

20

21 **PHIL ANSELL:** RECOMMENDATION FROM D.P.S.S. AND THE C.A.O. TO...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS ON THE D.P.S.S. ONE.

24

25 **PHIL ANSELL:** THERE'S A RECOMMENDATION TO OPPOSE, YES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT DO I NEED TO MAKE A MOTION THOUGH ON THAT, ON
3 THE HEALTHCARE ONE.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. BURKE JUST DID TO OPPOSE.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION.

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SHE ASKED ABOUT HEALTHCARE. DO WELFARE FIRST.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, OKAY. MS. BURKE MOVES,
12 MOLINA SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE TO SUPPORT
13 THE RECOMMENDATION, TO OPPOSE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON THE HEALTH ONE, THOUGH, DO I NEED TO DO A
16 MOTION OR JUST I'M GOING TO ASSUME THAT YOU'RE DOING A REPORT?

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO. CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE ONLY VOTED ON THE HEALTHCARE?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, ON WELFARE.

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ON WELFARE. THERE WASN'T ANYTHING SPECIFICALLY
25 BEFORE YOU ON HEALTHCARE OTHER THAN...



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, ON THE WELFARE, I DO SUPPORT THE
3 GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO RECORD IT AS A 4-TO-1 VOTE,
6 THEN.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I MEAN, I THINK THERE'S A COUPLE ISSUES
9 INSIDE THERE. I MEAN, IF YOU BIFURCATE THE ISSUE, I THINK THE
10 ISSUE, NOT IN GENERAL, TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL BUT
11 THE ISSUE OF WHETHER-- ON HOW THEY'RE BREAKING OUT THE
12 UNDOCUMENTED VERSUS THE REGULAR CALWORKS FOLKS IN MAKING SOME
13 FOLKS JUMP THROUGH HOOPS AND THEN-- WHILE ALLOWING, AS I READ
14 IT CORRECTLY, YOU KNOW, SORT OF REQUIRING A DOUBLE STANDARD
15 WHERE WE'RE REQUIRING CITIZENS ON CALWORKS TO MEET
16 REQUIREMENTS AND NOT NECESSARILY IN THE CASE OF THE
17 UNDOCUMENTED. IS THAT CORRECT?

18

19 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, BECAUSE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS
20 CANNOT LEGALLY WORK IN THE UNITED STATES AND ARE NOT AIDED ON
21 CALWORKS, THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO WELFARE-TO-WORK
22 REQUIREMENTS. THE CHILDREN OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS AND OF A
23 SANCTIONED PARENT ARE TREATED THE SAME IN THAT THE ASSISTANCE
24 FOR THE CHILDREN CONTINUES IN BOTH CASES.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL WOULD TERMINATE IT AS
2 IT RELATES TO ALL CHILDREN.

3

4 **PHIL ANSELL:** THAT'S CORRECT. UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL,
5 THE GOVERNOR PROPOSES TO TERMINATE ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN
6 WHOSE PARENTS HAVE BEEN SANCTIONED MORE THAN 90 DAYS, WHOSE
7 PARENTS HAVE RECEIVED MORE THAN 60 MONTHS OF ASSISTANCE UNLESS
8 THOSE PARENTS ARE WORKING SUFFICIENT HOURS, AND FOR CHILDREN
9 OF UNDOCUMENTED PARENTS WHERE THE CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED 60
10 MONTHS OF ASSISTANCE.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** I WILL HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH A "NO" VOTE AS WELL
13 THEN BECAUSE, PHILOSOPHICALLY, THE WAY I READ IT WAS, YOU
14 KNOW, THAT IT WAS WRONG FOR CITIZENS TO HAVE TO JUMP THROUGH
15 THE HOOPS TO QUALIFY FOR THE CASH ASSISTANCE WHILE THE
16 UNDOCUMENTED PARENTS CAN CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE AID UNTIL THE
17 CHILDREN TURN 18 WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED. DID I MISREAD THAT?

18

19 **PHIL ANSELL:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, THE-- UNDER CURRENT LAW, WHICH
20 WAS ENACTED IN 1997, ON THE BASIS IN A WAY THAT REFLECTED THE
21 POLICY UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY YOUR BOARD AT THAT TIME
22 REGARDING STATE IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL WELFARE REFORM, THE
23 ASSISTANCE FOR THE CHILDREN IS NOT-- IS NEVER TERMINATED AS
24 LONG AS THE FAMILY IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE. SO WHAT YOU WERE
25 CHARACTERIZING AS A DOUBLE STANDARD, IT IS TRUE THAT THERE'S A



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1 DIFFERENCE IN THE WAY THAT THE ADULTS ARE TREATED. CITIZEN OR
2 LEGAL IMMIGRANT ADULTS ARE REQUIRED-- ARE AIDED AND REQUIRED
3 TO PARTICIPATE. UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS ARE NEITHER AIDED NOR
4 REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE BUT THE CHILDREN OF BOTH ARE TREATED
5 THE SAME, THAT IS, UNDER CURRENT LAW, THEY ARE AIDED WITHOUT
6 REGARD TO THE ACTION OR INACTION OF THEIR PARENTS. SO, UNDER
7 CURRENT LAW, THE CHILD-- IF WE TAKE TWO FAMILIES, ONE WHERE--
8 LET'S ASSUME A MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN, ONE MOTHER IS
9 UNDOCUMENTED, THE OTHER IS SANCTIONED. IN BOTH CASES, THE
10 CHILDREN WOULD CONTINUE-- WOULD BE AIDED, THOSE TWO CHILDREN
11 WOULD BE AIDED, THE ADULT WOULD NOT, SO IT'S TREATED THE SAME.
12 THE GOVERNOR PROPOSES TO CONTINUE TO TREAT THEM THE SAME BY
13 TERMINATING THE CHILDREN IN BOTH SITUATIONS. SO THERE IS NOT A
14 DOUBLE STANDARD UNDER CURRENT LAW WITH RESPECT TO ASSISTANCE
15 FOR THE CHILDREN.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THIS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE
18 CHILD IS UNDOCUMENTED OR NOT?

19

20 **PHIL ANSELL:** NO, SUPERVISOR. ONLY CITIZENS AND LEGAL IMMIGRANT
21 CHILDREN ARE ELIGIBLE TO ASSISTANCE UNDER CALWORKS.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO A CHILD WHO IS CUT OFF BY THIS,
24 THE CHILD OF AN ILLEGAL, OF AN UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN WHO WAS CUT



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1 OFF WOULD BE A CHILD WHO WAS BORN HERE-- WAS A CITIZEN-- OR
2 WAS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE.

3

4 **PHIL ANSELL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THIS IS NOT A MATTER OF CUTTING
7 OFF UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS, IT'S A MATTER OF CUTTING OFF CHILDREN
8 OF UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS WHO ARE...

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S CUTTING OFF AMERICAN CITIZENS.

11

12 **PHIL ANSELL:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHAT I SAID. IS THAT
15 CORRECT?

16

17 **PHIL ANSELL:** THAT IS CORRECT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** UNDER THE PRESENT LAW, THE SANCTION ONLY APPLIES
20 TO THOSE WHO ARE DOING CALWORKS, RIGHT?

21

22 **PHIL ANSELL:** THE SANCTION APPLIES TO THE GRANT FOR ADULTS WHO
23 HAVE A DUTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WELFARE-TO-WORK PROGRAM.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT. NOW, IF-- UNDER PRESENT LAW, HOW DOES IT
2 WORK IN TERMS OF-- THE ADULT NEVER GETS ANY COMPENSATION
3 ANYHOW, SO IT'S ALWAYS JUST THE CHILDREN.

4

5 **PHIL ANSELL:** WHERE THE PARENT IS UNDOCUMENTED?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT.

8

9 **PHIL ANSELL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S JUST ALWAYS THE CHILDREN.

12

13 **PHIL ANSELL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. SO IT'S CONSISTENT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THE PROPOSAL, THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL IS
20 DIFFERENT THAN CURRENT LAW. YOU'RE TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO US
21 CURRENT LAW BUT THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL IS DIFFERENT, IS THAT
22 CORRECT?

23

24 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, I UNDERSTOOD YOUR QUESTION WHETHER TO
25 BE WHETHER THERE WAS A DOUBLE STANDARD UNDER CURRENT LAW AND I



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1 WAS SEEKING TO EXPLAIN THAT THERE IS NOT A DOUBLE STANDARD
2 UNDER CURRENT LAW WITH RESPECT TO THE ASSISTANCE TO THE
3 CHILDREN. SIMILARLY, THERE WOULD NOT BE A DOUBLE STANDARD
4 UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL. THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT, UNDER
5 CURRENT LAW, THE 66 TO 91,000 CHILDREN IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE,
6 UNDER CURRENT LAW, ARE ELIGIBLE TO ASSISTANCE. UNDER THE
7 GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL, THAT SAME GROUP OF 66,000 TO 91,000
8 CHILDREN WOULD BE CUT OFF. SO THERE'S INTERNAL CONSISTENCY
9 BOTH UNDER CURRENT LAW AND UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL, THE
10 DISTINCTION BEING ON AID VERSUS CUT OFF.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S SCREWING KIDS...

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL KIDS.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ...PERIOD.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT. ALL KIDS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHY THERE'S SUCH A REACTION
21 TO THIS ALL OVER THE STATE. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE
22 STATUS, I GATHER, BECAUSE IF YOU'RE NOT-- IF YOU'RE NOT HERE
23 ILLEGALLY, YOU'RE NOT ELIGIBLE. IF YOU'RE HERE LEGALLY, OR IF
24 YOU'RE A CITIZEN OR OTHERWISE HERE LEGALLY, YOU'RE ELIGIBLE.



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1 THIS CUTS OFF ELIGIBILITY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE CURRENTLY
2 ELIGIBLE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** CHILDREN.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CHILDREN.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IT ALSO IS PREVENTING INCENTIVES FOR
9 PEOPLE TO COME HERE TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN BORN LEGALLY AND
10 QUALIFY.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THAT'S A POINT OF VIEW. IN
13 THE MEANTIME, WE'RE CUTTING OFF, YOU KNOW, RETROACTIVELY
14 PUNISHING FOR SOMETHING THAT...

15

16 **PHIL ANSELL:** IF I MIGHT JUST CLARIFY ON THAT POINT, SUPERVISOR
17 ANTONOVICH, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL WITH
18 RESPECT TO CHILDREN OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS APPLIES ONLY TO
19 CHILDREN WHO HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED 60 MONTHS OF ASSISTANCE. SO
20 THAT IT WOULD NOT APPLY TO-- SO, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE
21 HYPOTHETICAL CASE OF AN UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT WHO WAS
22 CONSIDERING WHETHER TO COME TO THIS COUNTRY AND TO HAVE A
23 CHILD IN THIS COUNTRY WHO WOULD HAVE THE BENEFITS OF CITIZENS,
24 THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE NO IMPACT ON THAT FAMILY
25 FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS. IT WOULD ONLY IMPACT THOSE FAMILIES



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1 AFTER THOSE FIVE YEARS OF ASSISTANCE WHICH, IN LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY, IS OVER 16,000 FAMILIES WITH OVER 32,000 CHILDREN WHO
3 ARE CURRENTLY HERE AND HAVE, BY DEFINITION, BEEN IN THIS
4 COUNTRY FOR OVER FIVE YEARS, JUST TO CLARIFY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IT WOULD CUT OFF THEIR AID AFTER FIVE
7 YEARS?

8

9 **PHIL ANSELL:** YES, IT WOULD.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT REALLY IS ABOUT THE PEOPLE
12 WHO HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIR-- WHATEVER THE REQUISITE AMOUNT OF
13 TIME IS FOR THEIR BENEFITS, CORRECT?

14

15 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, IT...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHEN IS THE 16 MONTHS? JUST DO ME
18 A FAVOR, PHIL. ANSWER MY QUESTION. WHAT IS THE 16 MONTHS?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** 60.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 60. 60 IS WHEN THE WELFARE
23 PAYMENTS EXPIRE, CORRECT?

24

25 **PHIL ANSELL:** FOR ADULTS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** FOR ADULTS.

3

4 **PHIL ANSELL:** UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT. AND UP UNTIL NOW AND
7 INCLUDING AT THE PRESENT TIME, KIDS OF THOSE SAME ADULTS
8 CONTINUE TO-- WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVING IT CONTINUE TO RECEIVE
9 WELFARE PAYMENTS, CORRECT?

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11 **PHIL ANSELL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE GOVERNOR PROPOSES TO TAKE,
14 AFTER THE 60 MONTHS IS EXPIRED, TO TAKE AWAY THE FUNDS FOR THE
15 KIDS, CORRECT?

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17 **PHIL ANSELL:** CORRECT.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND, AS IT RELATES TO
20 UNDOCUMENTEDS, IF SOMEBODY-- THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE SAYING A
21 MINUTE AGO, IF SOMEBODY COMES ACROSS THE BORDER AND HAS A BABY
22 TOMORROW, THAT BABY IS ENTITLED TO PAYMENTS FOR 60 MONTHS,
23 CORRECT?

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25 **PHIL ANSELL:** UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL--
3 CURRENTLY, AND UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL?

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5 **PHIL ANSELL:** NO, UNDER THE-- CURRENTLY, THERE IS NO TIME LIMIT
6 BECAUSE IT'S FOR THE CHILD-- FOR THE CHILDREN. UNDER THE
7 GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL...

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THE CHILD HAS TO BE A CITIZEN
10 OR LEGALLY-- A LEGAL IMMIGRANT, A LEGAL IMMIGRANT, HAS TO BE
11 LEGALLY HERE OR A CITIZEN, CORRECT?

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13 **PHIL ANSELL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WHAT'S THE PLEASURE?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M STILL TRYING TO GET-- I MEAN, IT'S VERY,
18 VERY-- IT'S THE SAME. IT'S NOT DIFFERENT.

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M JUST, YOU KNOW, INSTEAD OF TAKING A POSITION
21 RIGHT NOW THEN I'M JUST GOING TO ABSTAIN AT THIS PARTICULAR
22 POINT BECAUSE I NEED SOME CLARIFICATION BECAUSE I DO THINK
23 IT'S A DOUBLE STANDARD.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHY DON'T WE PUT THIS OVER A WEEK
2 AND GET CLARIFICATION. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE
3 TOGETHER ON THIS AS MUCH AS WE CAN BE AND I CONTRIBUTE TO...

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5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE CAN CERTAINLY DO THAT.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL WITHDRAW MY MOTION.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I THINK THAT YOU REALLY NEED TO JUST KEEP IT
10 CLEAR, WHETHER YOU'RE UNDOCUMENTED OR NOT, YOU CANNOT-- YOU
11 GET NOTHING. THOSE KIDS LOSE OUT AND THIS IS AFTER THEY'RE
12 SANCTIONED. NOT WHEN THEY MAKE THEIR APPLICATION. IT DOESN'T
13 DEAL WITH THAT PART OF IT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS ABOUT KIDS, IT'S NOT
16 IMMIGRATION STATUS, REALLY. ALL RIGHT. LET'S-- WHY DON'T YOU
17 PUT A FACT SHEET TOGETHER, YOU KNOW, A COLUMN, SOMETHING
18 SIMPLE THAT WE CAN QUICKLY INTERNALIZE AND I THINK IT WOULD BE
19 HELPFUL. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL PUT THIS OVER A WEEK.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ALSO INCLUDE WHAT THE OTHER STATES DO.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. GOOD IDEA. THANKS. WE HAD
24 SOME PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO BE HEARD. I APOLOGIZE. BEFORE WE



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1 CONTINUE THAT FOR A WEEK, NANCY BERLIN AND DR. CLAVREUL. MS.
2 BERLIN, YOU'LL GO FIRST.

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4 **NANCY BERLIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANKS FOR GIVING ME THIS
5 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK THIS MORNING. MY NAME IS NANCY BERLIN.
6 I'M THE DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP. WE'RE A STATEWIDE
7 COALITION OF GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY GROUPS FIGHTING POVERTY AND
8 WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED CALWORKS CUTS
9 AND THAT THEY'LL HURT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LOW INCOME FAMILIES
10 AND CHILDREN. WE DO SUPPORT THE C.A.O. AND D.P.S.S.'S
11 RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU OPPOSE THESE PROPOSALS BECAUSE, AS
12 YOU'VE JUST HEARD, THERE IS NO CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT THE
13 GOVERNOR'S PROPOSALS WILL HELP PARENTS ENTER THE WORKFORCE OR
14 WILL HELP THE STATE MEET ITS WORK PARTICIPATION RATES. WE
15 FURTHER URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL TO SUSPEND
16 THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO THE CALWORKS GRANTS. THIS IS
17 MENTIONED IN THE REPORT THAT YOU'VE RECEIVED BUT NO
18 RECOMMENDATION IS GIVEN. THIS IS THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR
19 THAT THE STATE HAS PROPOSED TO FREEZE THESE CALWORKS COST OF
20 LIVING ADJUSTMENTS. CALWORKS HAS LOST GROUND TO CALIFORNIA'S
21 RISING HOUSING COSTS. THE MAXIMUM GRANT FOR A FAMILY OF THREE
22 IS ONLY \$723 A MONTH AND IT IS NOT EVEN TWO-THIRDS OF THE
23 AVERAGE FAIR MARKET RENTAL VALUE FOR A TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
24 IN LOS ANGELES. THESE FAMILIES NEED COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS
25 BECAUSE THEIR RENTS GET RAISED EVERY YEAR NO MATTER WHAT



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1 HAPPENS TO THE STATE AND THEY NEED THAT MONEY JUST TO MAKE
2 ENDS MEET. FAMILIES ARE ALREADY BEING FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN
3 PAYING THE RENT AND PUTTING FOOD ON THE TABLE AND NO PARENT
4 SHOULD HAVE TO MAKE THIS KIND OF CHOICE. WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE
5 OPPOSE ALL OF THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED CALWORKS CUTS, INCLUDING
6 THE FREEZING OF THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS AND THE GRANTS.
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL.

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11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. GENEVIEVE
12 CLAVREUL. I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU ARE WILLING TO LOOK AT THE
13 DIFFERENT PROPOSALS. I WAS IN SACRAMENTO ON MONDAY WHEN THE
14 NEW HEALTHCARE PROPOSAL WAS PRESENTED AND I THINK IT'S A GOOD
15 BEGINNING, AT LEAST THEY OPENED A DIALOGUE. AND I THINK TO
16 HAVE THREE DIFFERENT PROPOSALS ON THE TABLE, THE ONE FROM
17 SCHWARZENEGGER, THE ONE FROM THE SPEAKER AND THE ONE FROM THE
18 SENATE, I THINK GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT ALL THE PROS
19 AND CONS AND MAYBE COME UP WITH A HYBRID WHO IS BETTER THAN
20 ANY OF THEM SINGLE APPEARANCE. I THINK THE SUGGESTION OF
21 SUPERVISOR MOLINA TO CREATE A DELEGATION WITH SOME OF OUR
22 SPECIFIC NEEDS IN THE COUNTY AND SPECIFICALLY TO ASK FOR A
23 SPECIFIC RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS I THINK IS ESSENTIAL. I THINK
24 MANY OF THE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN MADE BECAUSE THIS IS THE COST
25 DU JOUR OF THE HEALTHCARE AND EVERYBODY IS JUMPING ON IT AND I



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1 THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT IT IN A VERY HIGH SCRUTINY. COMING
2 FROM A COUNTRY WHO HAVE UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE AND HAVING
3 TRAVELED ABROAD QUITE A BIT AND I'VE SEEN HOW MANY OF THE SO
4 CALLED UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE WORK, I'M NOT TOO FOND OF IT BUT I
5 THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT ALL THE SYSTEMS AND SEE THE PROS AND
6 CONS OF EACH. AN EXAMPLE, I WENT TO TORONTO IN JULY. AND THE
7 DAY I ARRIVE IN TORONTO FOR AN A.I.D.S. CONFERENCE, EVERY
8 EMERGENCY ROOM IN TORONTO WAS CLOSED TO ANY ADMISSION. THEY
9 HAD NO PHYSICIANS BECAUSE THERE IS NOBODY TO PAY ANY PHYSICIAN
10 WORKING THAT DAY. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT, TO ME, THAT'S A
11 CRISIS. A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN WE HAD THE HEAT WAVE, 15,000
12 PEOPLE DIED IN FRANCE AND 8,000 DIED IN ITALY. ALL HAD HEALTH
13 INSURANCE. SO I THINK YOU LOOK AT THE RESULTS. NO MORE MULTI-
14 MILLION-DOLLAR BABY. WE KNOW THAT 480 GRAM PREEMIE, TOO BAD,
15 YOU'RE NOT BIG ENOUGH. YOU ARE 75 YEARS OLD, NO MORE
16 TRANSPLANTS. YOU'RE TOO OLD. YOU HAD A GOOD LIFE. GOOD-BYE. I
17 THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT. IN THE U.S., WE HAVE SOME
18 PROBLEMS IN HEALTHCARE BUT NOT AS MUCH AS A LOT OF OTHER
19 COUNTRIES. THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE AN ACUTE PROBLEM HERE ARE THE
20 WORKING POOR AND THE LOWER PAID AND THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO
21 LOOK AT. THE VERY POOR IN L.A. COUNTY GETS GOOD CARE. THE VERY
22 RICH GET GOOD CARE. IT'S THE WORKING POOR. SO I'M GLAD YOU ARE
23 TAKING THESE PROPOSALS SERIOUSLY AND I WOULD LIKE TO BE
24 INVOLVED IF YOU HAVE SOME QUESTIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO HELP.
25 THANK YOU.



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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL PUT THIS OVER A WEEK. WITHOUT OBJECTION. LET'S DO THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS NEXT. SUPERVISOR KNABE. OH, I HAVE ONE OTHER ONE, I'M SORRY, THAT JUST CAME IN WHILE WE WERE ON THIS ITEM, AND I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DANNY FINEGOLD, WHO PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY AT THE AGE OF 53, SON OF RAY AND THE LATE DAVID FINEGOLD, HUSBAND OF BONNIE, SURVIVED BY HIS KIDS, MATTHEW AND NATALIE. A LONG TIME ACTIVIST, BUSINESSMAN AND LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU. MR. KNABE.

11

SUP. KNABE: MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE A FEW ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF SYLVIA GOLD, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST FRIDAY. SHE WAS 92 AND WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, HER SON, STEVE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ARTURO GRANADO, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL ON WHITTIER. HE SERVED PROUDLY IN THE ARMY AND DURING WORLD WAR II WHERE HE FOUGHT IN THE PHILIPPINES. HE WAS A WITNESS TO HISTORY AND WAS ON THE DECK OF THE U.S.S. MISSOURI FOR THE SIGNING AND SURRENDER BY JAPAN. DAD WAS ARTURO'S PROUDEST TITLE. HE WAS A HARD WORKER, LOVED GOLF, DANCING, FOOTBALL BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, HIS FAMILY. HE IS GOING TO BE MISSED BY ALL. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 56 YEARS, CAROLINE, THEIR SONS ART, CARLOS, ALBERT, DAUGHTERS, PATRICIA AND SYLVIA AND EIGHT



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1 GRANDCHILDREN. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
2 HEATHER CHOPPIN, WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON JANUARY 20TH AT
3 THE YOUNG AGE OF 35. DURING HER ILLNESS, SHE INSPIRED HER
4 FAMILY AND FRIENDS WITH HER UNWAVERING COURAGE AND
5 DETERMINATION. SHE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT ART, MUSIC AND
6 PHOTOGRAPHY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, JACOB AND MIKE
7 AND ELLA, HER MOTHER, KATHERINE, SISTERS, CHRISTINE AND
8 ELIZABETH. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THOSE ARE
9 MY ADJOURNMENTS. I DON'T BELIEVE I HELD ANYTHING.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE. SUPERVISOR
12 ANTONOVICH.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
15 MEMORY OF FRED LEINER, WHO WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN PROMOTING
16 FOSTER PARENT RIGHTS AND OTHER CONCERNS FOR FOSTER PARENTS. HE
17 WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA CARE PROVIDERS, RESOLVED MANY
18 OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
19 ISSUES WHICH RELATED TO THESE ISSUES. HIS WIFE, BARBARA, AND
20 HE WERE FOSTER PARENTS AND THEY HAVE BEEN PROVIDING ONLINE
21 SUPPORT AND TRAINING FOR FOSTER PARENTS IN OUR COUNTY. HE
22 WORKED ON THE CALIFORNIA BILL OF RIGHTS AND THE CALIFORNIA
23 REGULATIONS FOR FOSTER FAMILY HOMES TITLE 22. DON EDGREN, WHO
24 WAS ONE OF THE INNOVATORS AND BUILDERS OF DISNEY STUDIOS,
25 DISNEY THEME PARKS. HE HELPED DEVELOP PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN



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1 AND THE BUILDING OF THE PARKS IN FLORIDA AND TOKYO. HE DID THE
2 MATTERHORN AND SPACE MOUNTAIN AS WELL AND WAS NAMED A DISNEY
3 LEGEND IN THE HALL OF FAME PROGRAM FOR HIS LASTING IMPACT AND
4 AFFECT ON WALT DISNEY. MARVIN CRIST, WHO WAS RETIRED FROM THE
5 ANTELOPE VALLEY 55 YEARS WHERE HE RESIDED, RETIRED MEMBER OF
6 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT. HRANT DINK, WHO WAS
7 EDITOR IN CHIEF OF THE NEWSPAPER WHO WAS TRAGICALLY
8 ASSASSINATED LAST WEEK AND JOINS A GROUP OF MARTYRS WHO HAD
9 SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF
10 THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE 1900S.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND THAT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CARL GEBHART, WHO WAS, FOR OVER 50 YEARS,
15 WITH MITCHUM JONES AND TEMPLETON AND PAYNE WEBBER, SERVED AS
16 CHAIRMAN OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE OF THE PACIFIC COAST STOCK
17 EXCHANGE AND PRESIDENT OF THE SPRING STREET FORUM. WARD GRANT,
18 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75 IN BURBANK, A CONSTITUENT WHO WAS
19 BOB HOPE'S LONG-TIME PUBLICIST. HE WAS DIRECTOR OF MEDIA AND
20 PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR HOPE ENTERPRISES SINCE 1973, THE PAST 34
21 YEARS, COORDINATING BOB'S PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND T.V. WORK AND
22 ACCOMPANYING HIM ON MANY OF HIS APPEARANCES EVERY YEAR.
23 GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO. PETER FRANCIS HAGAN,
24 JOINED THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 1942 AND THEN
25 RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT AS RANK OF COMMANDER OF POLICE



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1 WORKING IN NEWTON, HOLLENBECK AND JUVENILE TRAINING PERSONNEL,
2 SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION AT VAN NUYS AND PRESIDENT OF THE
3 CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION, POPE PIOUS VI HAD NAMED HIM A KNIGHT
4 COMMANDER IN THE ORDER OF ST. GREGORY IN 1975. DOLORES STORM
5 COFFELT, PREDECEASED BY HER HUSBAND OF 50 YEARS, DR. WENDELL
6 COFFELT, A LONG-TIME BURBANK PEDIATRICIAN. SHE LEAVES HER
7 DAUGHTERS, WENDY, LISA, CRISTINA AND THEIR SONS BRIAN AND
8 PHILLIP. ROBERT B. JUNG, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84. HE WAS
9 ACTIVE IN THE CALCON BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION PERFORMING ARTS
10 FOUNDATION FOR ASIAN-AMERICANS AND THE CHINESE GROCERS
11 ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. DOROTHY TIMMONS, EMPLOYEE
12 TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SHE WAS
13 ASSIGNED TO THE TEMPLE STATION AT THE TIME OF HER PASSING.
14 DARLENE BUSH, PAST PRESIDENT IN THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS TO THE
15 GOLDEN WEST AND PARTICIPATED IN THE DOCUMENTARY FILM ABOUT
16 EARLY CALIFORNIA HISTORY. SHE WAS IN THE CONGREGATION OF THE
17 ST. MARY OF THE VIRGIN ANGLICAN CHURCH FOR THE LAST 14 YEARS.
18 KENNETH RANDALL MEAD, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE
19 VALLEY. RICHARD JAN SOLTYS, LOCAL AUTHOR IN GLENDALE. BO EBO,
20 WHO WAS ONE OF THE LEADERS AFTER BEING IMPRISONED BY THE RED
21 GUARD AND HE WAS THEN RELEASED ON PRESENT NIXON'S TRIP TO
22 CHINA, GAVE POWER TO HELP LEAD THE REFORMS OF DENG XIAO PING,
23 HELPED LEAD THE ECONOMIC REVIVAL OF CHINA INTO A CAPITALISTIC
24 FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND HIS SON IS BO SHELI, WHO IS CURRENT
25 MINISTER OF COMMERCE IN CHINA AND FORMER MAYOR OF DALI-- I



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1 SHOULD SAY GOVERNOR OF LEONING AND MAYOR OF DALION. THOSE ARE
2 MY ADJOURNMENTS. I DON'T HAVE ANY MOTIONS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
7 GLORIA VALDEZ LOPEZ, THE BELOVED SISTER OF BEA VALDEZ, OUR
8 FORMER COUNTY CLERK. I WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES
9 TO BEA AND HER ENTIRE FAMILY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
14 MEMORY OF SALVADOR ARMAS, THE BELOVED FATHER OF DAVE DEXTER,
15 WHO WORKS FOR THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE. SALVADOR WAS A 50-YEAR
16 RESIDENT OF EAST LOS ANGELES, WAS A DEVOTED MEMBER OF HIS
17 CHURCH AS WELL AS A DEDICATED COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER. WE EXTEND
18 OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE. SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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22 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
23 BEVERLY HARRELL, A LONG TIME COMPTON RESIDENT OF 38 YEARS WHO
24 PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 19TH AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER.
25 SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



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1 AND RAOUL D. MAGANA, A SUCCESSFUL LAWYER, VERY FAMOUS
2 ATTORNEY, ADVOCATE AND SPEAKER WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY
3 16TH. HE PRACTICED LAW FOR 64 YEARS UNTIL THE AGE OF 94 AND
4 MOST RECENTLY WAS INDUCTED INTO THE FIRST CLASS OF THE
5 CONSUMER ATTORNEYS OF LOS ANGELES HALL OF FAME. HE LEAVES TO
6 CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE OF 69 YEARS, EUGENE, TWO
7 DAUGHTERS, DANIELLE AND MARTINE, TWO SONS, BRIAN AND ROBERT
8 ASK ONE SISTER, ELSA LOVE. AND ROBERNETTA PHILLIPS, THE MOTHER
9 OF HERBIE PHILLIPS, JR., LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT
10 WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 13TH. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER
11 MEMORY HER CHILDREN, HERBIE PHILLIPS, JR. SHEILA BOW AND
12 DWAYNE PHILLIPS. AND FRED DUPREE, LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT
13 RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 1ST. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH
14 HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, DORIS, SON, DARREN AND SISTER, BARBARA
15 TIPTON. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION. MANY OF THE COUNTY
16 EMPLOYEES HAVE FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS AND THESE END AND
17 YOU HAVE TO SPEND THE MONEY AT THE END OF THE YEAR,
18 ORDINARILY, BUT, IN 2005, CONGRESS EXTENDED THE TIME FOR
19 UTILIZATION OF THE SPENDING ACCOUNT TO MARCH 15TH OF THE
20 FOLLOWING YEAR TO ACTUALLY SPEND THE MONEY. IN ORDER FOR
21 EMPLOYEES TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE PRESENT LAW, THE PLAN
22 ADMINISTRATOR MUST CONTACT THE ACCOUNT MANAGER AT SARANDON TO
23 PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL TIME. THE PLAN PROVIDES THAT IT IS
24 SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE
25 C.A.O. IS AUTHORIZED TO INTERPRET THE TERMS OF THE SPENDING



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1 ACCOUNT PLANS AND ANY ACTION WILL BE BINDING ON ALL
2 PARTICIPANTS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE C.A.O. MAKE INQUIRIES
3 TO DETERMINE THE ADVISABILITY AND PROCESS TO MAKE THE BENEFITS
4 OF-- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MARCH 15TH DATE AVAILABLE TO LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITH
6 THEIR FINDINGS.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THOUGHT THAT THE DEADLINE WAS
9 JUNE 30TH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** TO FILE THE CLAIMS FOR THOSE EXPENDITURES THAT
12 WERE INCURRED BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND SO WHAT WOULD THIS DO?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** THIS MEANS THAT YOU COULD INCUR UP TO MARCH 15TH.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OH, OH.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T CHANGE THE DATE YOU HAVE TO
21 FILE THE CLAIM. YOU WOULDN'T LOSE IT AFTER DECEMBER 31ST.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I UNDERSTAND. ALL RIGHT. SO
24 THIS IS...

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** REPORT BACK.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF-MIKE) .

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL SECOND IT. IS THERE ANY
6 OBJECTION? IT'S A REPORT BACK.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** OH, JUST A REPORT BACK. OKAY.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
11 APPROVED. YOU DID YOUR ADJOURNINGS, RIGHT?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT? ALL RIGHT.
16 WE HAVE TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO WANTED TO BE HEARD ON ITEM 7, BUT
17 THEY CAME IN LATE. I'LL ASK THEM TO COME UP NOW. ITEM 7 WAS A
18 VACATION OF SOME SORT. STREET VACATION OR ALLEY VACATION.
19 PORTION OF ROSEBERRY AVENUE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S DISTRICT. SO
20 LET ME ASK THEM TO COME UP NOW. ANA CANO?

21

22 **ANA CANO:** THAT'S ME, ANA.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND SAM ROSEA.

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1 **SAM ROZUY:** RIGHT HERE.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MS. CANO?

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5 **ANA CANO (SPEAKING SPANISH) INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING TO ALL OF
6 YOU. I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE EARLY TO THIS MEETING EVEN THOUGH,
7 SIR, JOSE JUAREZ DID NOT SEND A LETTER TO ME. HERE, MR. SAM
8 DID ME THE FAVOR OF GIVING ME THIS COPY. THANKS TO THE
9 COMMUNICATION OF MY THREE NEIGHBORS, THEY PASSED LEAVING ME
10 THE DIRECTION SO I CAN COME HERE TODAY. OKAY. THE PROBLEM IS
11 THIS. MAY IT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHY MR. JUAREZ DID NOT SEND
12 ME A LETTER? DID ME FORGET MY NAME THAT IS SO SMALL WITH SEVEN
13 LETTERS? OR DOES HE NOT WANT TO TAKE ME INTO ACCOUNT? I ASK A
14 FAVOR OF YOU THAT TO SAY ON RECORD AND FROM HERE ON OUT,
15 PLEASE, MY ADDRESS IS 2210 LEOTA IN WALNUT PARK. WE USE
16 HUNTINGTON PARK ZIP CODE. BECAUSE RESIDENTS OF THE WALNUT
17 PARK, IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW HOW THE CITY OF WALNUT PARK IS--
18 IF IT'S GOING TO BECOME-- IF A SHOPPING CENTER IS GOING TO BE
19 BUILT THERE. AND THE ONLY HOUSE THAT'S THERE FOR ME AND MY
20 FAMILY IS THE TEMPLE. IT'S BECAUSE OF _____ THE
21 GREAT VALLEY IS I RESIDE IN THE HOME AND I'M FROM THAT TYPE OF
22 PEOPLE. AND SO WITH WHOLEHEARTEDLY I ASK OF YOU AND I SWEAR OF
23 YOU BEFORE GOD AND THAT FLAG THAT I AM IN LOVE WITH THE UNITED
24 STATES. IT WAS A FRIENDLY HAND THAT IT GIVES TO THE WHOLE
25 WORLD.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

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6 **ANA CANO (SPEAKING SPANISH).**

7

8 **>>INTERPRETER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ASSOCIATE CIVIL ENGINEER,
9 RIGHT-OF-WAY ENGINEERING SECTION, MAPPING AND PROPERTY
10 MANAGEMENT DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

13

14 **ANA CANO:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

15

16 **(VOICE OF INTERPRETER):** I'M THE OWNER. IT'S THE ONLY HOME
17 THERE.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** (INTERPRETER) AND YOU NEVER RECEIVED A NOTICE?

20

21 **ANA CANO:** (INTERPRETER) THIS TIME I DID NOT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** (INTERPRETER) WE WILL INVESTIGATE.

24



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1 **ANA CANO:** (INTERPRETER) I'M VERY INTERESTED. I'VE HEARD THE
2 JEWISH PEOPLE... I'M GOING TO BE COMING MORE OFTEN TO THESE
3 MEETINGS. I'M VERY INTERESTED AND I WILL COME.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. ROZUY.

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7 **SAM ROZUY:** GOOD MORNING-- OR GOOD DAY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
8 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SAM ROZUY. I OWN FIVE ACRES BORDERED
9 AN LEOTA, SANTA FE AND NADU. ACCESS TO OUR PROPERTY COMES FROM
10 FLORENCE VIA ROSEBERRY. BY VACATING ROSEBERRY WOULD DECREASE
11 ACCESSIBILITY TO OUR PROPERTY AND, AS A RESULT, A NEGATIVE
12 EFFECT ON FUTURE PLANNED POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU FOR
13 YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. THANK YOU. MR.
16 ROZUY, ARE YOU RELATED TO THE ROZUY OF ROZUY'S TRANSFER? IS
17 THAT YOUR DAD?

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19 **SAM ROZUY:** THAT'S MY DAD, YEAH.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS HE STILL ALIVE?

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23 **SAM ROZUY:** NO, HE PASSED AWAY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I KNEW HIM MANY YEARS AGO. HE WAS
2 A GOOD MAN.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR, CAN I ASK YOU, WHY DID YOU SIGN UP UNDER THE
5 ITEM?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THEY WERE LATE. THEY GOT HERE
8 LATE.

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10 **SAM ROZUY:** WE CAME LATE.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, OKAY. I THINK WE HAVE TO RECONSIDER THE ITEM.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, THEN. THAT'S WHAT I WAS
15 GOING-- OKAY. SO MS. MOLINA WILL MOVE, I'LL SECOND, THAT ITEM
16 NUMBER 7 BE RECONSIDERED AND PUT OVER.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'VE HEARD THERE WAS-- 'TIL NEXT WEEK OR TWO
19 WEEKS IF NEED BE.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO WE'LL-- ANY OBJECTION TO
22 RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM 7? WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WILL BE
23 RECONSIDERED.

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25 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THE MOTION.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. MOLINA MOVES THIS BE CONTINUED
3 FOR TWO WEEKS, SO IT WILL BE BACK ON THE AGENDA IN TWO WEEKS
4 AND THEY'LL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU GUYS.

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6 **SAM ROZUY:** THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. TWO OTHER
9 PEOPLE WANT TO BE HEARD. JAMES A. WALLACE AND JONATHAN DAVID
10 SHERROD. MR. WALLACE? YOU'RE ON. GO AHEAD.

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12 **JAMES WALLACE:** I'M JAMES WALLACE. I'M PLEASED TO BE HERE THIS
13 MORNING. THANK GOD. I'M A HOMELESS PERSON, SLEEPING IN YOUR
14 COUNTY BUILDING. I GOT PICTURES OF IT. RIGHT HERE. AND MY
15 STORAGE SHED, MY SHOWERS. I GO TO A.A., I GO TO CHURCH TO STAY
16 OUT OF TROUBLE FROM THE STREETS AND SOCIALIZE WITH PEOPLE THAT
17 ARE SOBER AND NICE. THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TOOK
18 MY JOB AWAY FROM ME, WHICH I GOT HERE. WHAT I GOT LEFT OF THAT
19 JOB IN LAS VEGAS, THE LICENSE AND EVERYTHING, THEY TOOK AND
20 PUT A FELONY ON ME ILLEGALLY AND TOOK MY JOB AWAY FROM ME AND
21 SURRENDERED ME HOMELESS. I HAD THREE FINANCE COMPANIES THAT
22 ARE STILL HAUNTING ME. I GOT PAPERWORK RIGHT HERE OF ONE OF
23 THE PEOPLE THAT ARE WANTING 1,075.06. THE OTHER PERSON I
24 CALLED, THEY WANTED \$3,060. AND THEY'RE STILL AFTER ME. THEY



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1 WANT TO ME WHERE I'M AT, THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT I'M DOING. I'M
2 AFRAID TO GO BACK TO WORK...

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHO IS "THEY"?

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6 **JAMES WALLACE:** THIS IS KENNETH G. FRAGILE, III OF LAS VEGAS,
7 COLLECTION AGENCY.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHY ARE YOU HERE?

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11 **JAMES WALLACE:** WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO IS I'M TRYING TO GET
12 RESTITUTION OF WHAT THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT DID TO ME
13 ILLEGALLY, TRYING TO GET RESTITUTION ON MY LOSSES. I LOST OVER
14 \$15,000 WORTH OF MERCHANDISE THAT I WORKED ON MY OWN OVER THE
15 EIGHT YEARS THAT I STAYED SOBER AND LEGALLY EARNED WITHOUT
16 STEALING OR TAKING FROM ANOTHER PERSON. I WORKED SECURITY
17 THERE IN LAS VEGAS, AND I WAS...

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT DID THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
20 DO TO YOU?

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22 **JAMES WALLACE:** HUH?

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT DID THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
25 DO TO YOU?



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2 **JAMES WALLACE:** WHAT THEY DID, THEY PUT A FELONY ROBBERY ON ME,
3 ON MY RECORD, WHICH PULLED ME OFF MY JOB IN LAS VEGAS.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THAT'S NOTHING WE CAN DEAL
6 WITH HERE. THAT'S A LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUE. I'M SORRY.

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8 **JAMES WALLACE:** IT'S LIKE, YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN PUSHED UNDER THE
9 CARPET, DISCRIMINATED AGAINST AND EVERYTHING ELSE ON
10 EVERYTHING THAT I'VE BEEN DOING. THIS IS WHY I'M BRINGING IT
11 UP TO YOU, BECAUSE IT'S AN L.A. COUNTY PROBLEM.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND BUT IT'S NOT A BOARD
14 OF SUPERVISORS JURISDICTIONAL ISSUE. IT IS A JUDICIAL ISSUE.
15 IT'S A LAW ENFORCEMENT AND A COURT ISSUE. WE DON'T HAVE ANY
16 JURISDICTION IN THAT AT ALL, AS MUCH AS WE MIGHT WANT TO HELP,
17 WE CAN'T.

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19 **JAMES WALLACE:** OKAY. WOULD YOU GIVE ME SOME ADVICE WHERE I CAN
20 GET TAKE CARE OF THIS PROBLEM SO I CAN GET OFF THE COUNTY
21 PROPERTY? GET MYSELF BACK TO LIVING.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL-- IF YOU'LL STAY ON THE
24 SIDE, WE'LL GET...

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1 **JAMES WALLACE:** I'M GOING TO THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF
2 AN INCIDENT WHERE MY LEG GOT FROZED UP AND BURNT AND I ENDED
3 UP IN THE HOSPITAL OVER CHRISTMAS.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IF YOU'D LIKE US TO, WE'LL
6 PUT THE OMBUDSMAN IN TOUCH WITH YOU AND TRY TO BIRD DOG THIS
7 ISSUE FOR YOU BUT...

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9 **JAMES WALLACE:** I TALKED TO THE OMBUDSMAN AND THEY SAID THEY'RE
10 AT FAULT BUT THEY SAID THEY'RE NOT GOING TO PAY FOR ANYTHING.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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14 **JAMES WALLACE:** AND I SAID THAT AIN'T RIGHT.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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18 **JAMES WALLACE:** YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN DISCRIMINATED, JUST KEEP
19 THROWING BACK OUT IN THE STREET AND KEPT THROWING BACK OUT IN
20 THE STREET. I'M SICK OF IT. I WANT OUT OF THE STREET. THAT'S
21 WHY I BRING IT HERE.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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25 **JAMES WALLACE:** IT'S NOT RIGHT, IN MY BOOKS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, BUT YOU'RE COMING HERE TO
3 ASK US TO GET A WARRANT SUSPENDED, I GUESS IS WHAT YOU'RE...

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5 **JAMES WALLACE:** THE WARRANT IS ALREADY TAKEN OUT FROM THE STATE
6 OF CALIFORNIA, OKAY? IT'S JUST, ALL I WANT IS THE RESTITUTION
7 OF WHAT L.A. COUNTY DID TO ME BY PUTTING ME OUT IN THE STREET,
8 TAKING MY JOB.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THAT'S AN ISSUE YOU'RE
11 GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE UP WITH THE COURTS, WITH AN ATTORNEY,
12 AND I'M SORRY, THERE'S NOT...

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14 **JAMES WALLACE:** I CAN'T DEAL WITH THE ATTORNEYS BECAUSE I HAD
15 ONE ATTORNEY RIP ME OFF.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GO
18 ON TO THE NEXT CARD. WE'LL HAVE THE OMBUDSMAN WORK WITH YOU
19 BUT IF YOU DON'T WANT THAT...

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21 **JAMES WALLACE:** WELL, I'LL GO BACK TO THE...

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE ANSWER, SIR, LISTEN TO ME,
24 READ MY LIPS, THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO. WE'RE NOT GOING TO
25 WRITE YOU A CHECK BECAUSE YOU CAME HERE AND ASKED HERE FOR IT.



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1 THEY CAN'T DO IT LEGALLY. WE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DO IT. IT'S
2 NOT WITHIN OUR JURISDICTION. WE HAVE OFFERED YOU THE
3 OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO SOMEBODY WHO CAN AT LEAST EXPLAIN
4 THINGS AND FIND OUT WHAT, IF ANYTHING, CAN BE DONE. IF YOU
5 DON'T WANT IT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT, THAT'S YOUR DECISION.

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7 **JAMES WALLACE:** IT'S HARD TO REST ON IT EVERY NAME WHEN I SLEEP
8 ON THAT PROPERTY.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS MR. SHERROD HERE? MR. SHERROD
11 IS NOT HERE.

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13 **JAMES WALLACE:** AND I'LL BE SLEEPING ON YOUR COUNTY PROPERTY
14 UNTIL IT'S SOLVED. JUST TO LET YOU KNOW. AND IF YOU WANT
15 COPIES OF THE...

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
20 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
21 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS-1,
22 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,
23 ITEM NUMBER CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
24 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND ITEM NUMBER
25 CS-3, INTERVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR



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1 APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
2 AND CONFERENCE WILL LABOR NEGOTIATOR MICHAEL J. HENRY,
3 DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.
4 THANK YOU.

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REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Union of
American Physicians and Dentists v. Los Angeles County
Employee Relations Commission, et al., Los Angeles Superior
Court Case No. BS 081517

This lawsuit challenges the implementation of changes in
cafeteria benefit plans for represented physicians.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board authorized settlement of the lawsuit.
The substance of the settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry
by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final
following approval by all parties.

The vote of the Board of Supervisors was unanimous with all
Supervisors being present.

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Significant exposure to litigation (one case)



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1 ACTION TAKEN: The Board continued this item one week to
2 January 30, 2007.

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4 CS-3. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)
5 Interview and consider candidates for appointment to the
6 position of Chief Administrative Officer. CONFERENCE WITH
7 LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6) Agency
8 Representative: Michael J. Henry, Director of Personnel;
9 Unrepresented Employee: Candidates for position of Chief
10 Administrative Officer.

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12 ACTION TAKEN: The Board adjourned its meeting to Thursday,
13 January 25, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 830 of the Kenneth Hahn
14 Hall of Administration for further consideration of this
15 matter.

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